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By PHILIP WEBSTER AND DOMINIC KENNEDY

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‘To fall like Lucifer one must first be beloved of the Almighty and Derek was Mutley’

— Michael Gove, page 20

THE Government rushed out a new code of conduct last night for its army of special advisers and all civil servants as Tony Blair struggled to defuse his biggest crisis since the Formula One affair.

As the lobbyist at the centre of allegations about cash for privileged access to the heart of government flew home from Italy with his career apparently in ruins, officials and advisers were ordered to take care in their dealings with outsiders and told they must handle themselves with honesty and integrity.

In the meantime, the future of Roger Liddle, one of Mr Blair's leading policy advisers, hung in the balance over claims that he was planning to use his position to help a former business associate.

Derek Draper, former chief aide to Peter Mandelson, cut short a holiday in Italy after his lobbying company suspended him and he was summarily dismissed from *The Express*, where he wrote a weekly column.

He arrived home last night for urgent talks with his company GPC Market Access, but his prospects looked bleak. It suspended him yesterday morning over what internal sources described as the "tremendously damaging" allegations in *The Observer* on Sunday. It was said that he had given market-sensitive information about government spending plans to an American investment bank. When he arrived at Gatwick last night on a flight from Naples, he said that he had only been doing his job.

Mr Liddle, Mr Blair's policy unit expert on European affairs, a close friend of Mr Mandelson and a former colleague of Mr Draper, was still in his job after assuring Mr

Blair's most senior officials that he had done nothing improper.

But a serious question mark remained over him as Downing Street challenged *The Observer* to publish the tape of the conversation at a reception between Mr Liddle and a journalist posing as an American businessman. Mr Draper and *The Observer* alleged that Mr Liddle told him: "Whenever you are ready, just tell me what you want, who you want to meet and Derek

and I will make the call for you."

The clear implication of Downing Street's action was that if Mr Liddle's account did not match the tape, he would be in severe trouble.

The newspaper declined to publish a transcript last night, citing libel considerations and plans to publish further stories next week. That means that the doubts will persist at least until next weekend.

The Sunday disclosures arising from conversations between investigative reporters posing as business figures and several lobbyists who worked for Labour during its long years of Opposition jolted the Government and there was no attempt to minimise their seriousness. William Hague, returning from illness, said that the episode confirmed "a culture of cynicism at the heart of government".

It was announced last night that Sir Richard Wilson, Secretary of the Cabinet, was about to lay down the law to civil servants and particularly to special advisers.

They are to be reminded in new guidance today that they must never misuse their official position or information acquired in the course of their job "to further their private interests or those of others". They will be told that civil servants must "conduct themselves with integrity and honesty". Special advisers will be reminded that they cannot disclose without the authorisation of the Prime Minister information that is held in confidence.

Downing Street denied that the guidance was an admission of a breakdown in the rules over the Draper affair. But it said that Mr Blair and Sir Richard were determined to maintain the highest possible standards and wanted to warn people that they had to be very careful in their dealings with outside interest groups.



Derek Draper arrives at Gatwick last night having cut short an Italian holiday

However, throughout the day Mr Blair's spokesman maintained that the episode told more about lobbyists and the exaggerated claims they made to their clients than about the Government.

There were also concerted attempts by government sources to undermine Mr Draper, who was described as a "fantasist" and someone who "talked a good game" to his clients about his contacts.

Yesterday morning government sources said that Mr Draper could have made up the messages. In the afternoon Mr Blair's spokesman went further and said that Mr Balls and Mr Miliband had told him they had never sent Mr Draper a paper message in their lives.

City fears recession if interest rates rise

By ALASDAIR MURRAY, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE City told the Bank of England yesterday that it could tip the whole economy into recession if it raises interest rates at its monthly meeting, starting tomorrow. The warning came as data showed the manufacturing sector heading deeper into a "technical recession" — two consecutive quarters of negative growth.

Output fell by 0.4 per cent between April and May. The Office for National Statistics revised its estimate of the trend rate for manufacturing growth to minus 0.5 per cent — the first time it has been negative since the depths of the last recession in December 1992. Economists said the data confirmed that the strong pound, the Asian financial crisis and a slowing domestic economy were taking a heavy toll on the sector.

The latest figures come after a string of surveys suggesting a slump in overall business and consumer confidence as the six interest rates during the past year, coupled with the high pound, begin to bite. A Loyds TSB survey, also out yesterday, showed business confidence falling to its lowest level in six years. A MORI poll for *The Times* last week revealed consumers have also become increasingly gloomy about the economy.

Paul Morrison-Lee, UK economist at Paribas, predicted one more rate rise this week, adding: "If manufacturing were the Bank's focus we would not have had a hike last month either."

Opposition politicians said the Government had left the Bank in an impossible position, having added to inflationary pressure by relaxing public spending and introducing the minimum wage. David Heathcoat-Amory, the Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said: "Gordon Brown has created boom and bust at the same time. The

Big spender

The Chancellor's new public spending plans allow an extra £20 billion to be spent on hospitals and schools over the next three years, according to a new report by PricewaterhouseCoopers. It says that, for all his emphasis on prudence, Gordon Brown is planning to spend £23 billion more than Kenneth Clarke, his predecessor. Page 25

Bank of England must now by law counter this by the only means at its disposal — interest rate rises.

In a separate financial services survey, also published yesterday, the Confederation of British Industry showed activity rising to its highest level for a year during the three months to June. Optimism, however, fell sharply, while the volume of business is expected to slow too.

The gloomy figures hit the pound, which closed down nearly two pence at DMZ9781. Anatole Kaletsky, page 29



"It looks like curtains for Draper"

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England snatch a draw from defeat

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH cricket at last earned its place in this summer of sport yesterday.

England battled through a dramatic final day at Old Trafford to gain an unexpected draw with South Africa and stave off talk of crisis. Outplayed until lunchtime on the fourth day, and forced to follow on 369 runs behind, England battled through the rest of the match and hung on with nine wickets down and the scores level.

The crowd cheered them as the five-Test series was kept alive. South Africa still lead 1-0 with two games to come, at Trent Bridge and Headingley.

Robert Croft, the Welsh off-spinner who has yet to take a wicket, redeemed himself by batting through the final three hours. Confusion surrounded the finish with Croft and Angus Fraser unsure how



Robert Croft: batted for final three hours

many overs they needed. The Laws of Cricket state that two overs must be doctored from the total to allow for a change of innings and, technically, the match was over as soon as Paul Adams bowled the first ball of the 171st over.

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Green light for Orange parade

An Orange parade through a nationalist area of Belfast was given the go-ahead as the authorities battled to prevent Northern Ireland being engulfed by loyalist violence. The Parade Commission's announcement followed a night of rioting and a warning by David Trimble, the First Minister, that the peace process was in danger. Page 4

Mrs Merton ill

Caroline Abernethy, better known as chat show hostess Mrs Merton, was taken to hospital after a suspected drugs overdose. The 34-year-old comedienne later returned to her London home.

Parents pay less

Radical proposals to reform the Child Support Agency will mean a reduction in maintenance payments from about 70 per cent of absent parents, the Government said when it outlined its plans to the Commons. Page 2

Roy Rogers, 86, rides into sunset

FROM GILES WHITTILL IN LOS ANGELES

AN era of double-breasted white stonions and fine polished boots ended yesterday when Roy Rogers, "King of the Cowboys", died in California aged 86.

A tireless entertainer and guardian of his good name, Rogers died of heart failure at his desert ranch after more than half a century as one of Hollywood's most beloved cowboys. In 87 films and countless small-town rodeo appearances, he also became an American archetype.

Hired in 1938 as the "Singing Cowboy" in *Under Western Stars*, he became part of an unchanging package that made him Hollywood's top cowboy from 1943-54. The formula included his guitar, his two six-shooters, his dog, Bullet, his horse, Trigger, and an uplifting storyline in which good triumphed over evil without sex or violence.

He never shot a rival dead, only shooting the gun from his hand, and never kissed his love interest on screen. "It was a clean era... the kids saw us as real heroes," he said.

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Rogers: Hollywood's top cowboy from 1943-54

Initially his wife was sceptical. "I told him, 'OK, when you die I'm going to stuff you and put you on him,'" she said.

Even in his final years, Rogers would greet visitors to the museum in his stetson and pointed boots, with a kerchief knotted at his neck and a silver-inlaid belt by Edward Boklin.

"All you have in life is your word, your handshake and the image you portray," his son, Roy Jr, recalled him saying. Born Leonard Slye, Rogers was part Indian. It was not the only irony of his career as a cowboy. He also claimed to be an introvert and admitted his favourite pastime was not riding but ten-pin bowling.

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"The way and I was covered," quips Jeweller.

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ANTHONY UPTON

Belfast Orangemen get parade go-ahead

A CONTROVERSIAL Orange parade was given the go-ahead yesterday as the authorities battled to prevent Northern Ireland being engulfed by loyalist violence.

The Parade Commission's announcement followed a night of widespread rioting and a warring by David Trimble, the First Minister, that the stand-off over the Drumcree parade could wreck the peace process. "We cannot ignore the importance of perceptions in Northern Ireland and there is now a clear emerging sense of deep hurt amongst loyalists," said Alistair Graham, the chairman of the Parades Commission, as he approved the Orange parade down Belfast's predominantly nationalist Ormeau Road next Monday. "This is in danger of spilling over into a serious law-and-order situation."

Mr Graham denied any political interference in the independent commission's decision, but Gerard Rice, spokesman for the Ormeau Road residents, said the commission had caved in to the

Ormeau Road march is allowed as Drumcree rioting leaves 19 police injured, reports Martin Fletcher

threat of violence. He plans a legal challenge to the ruling. Orange Order leaders at Drumcree scoffed at the decision, saying it would in no way diminish their resolve to march down the Garvaghy Road in Portadown.

As hundreds of Orangemen prepared to spend a second night in the open at Drumcree, the security forces braced for another night of trouble — this time with the possibility of nationalists as well as loyalists taking to the streets because of the Ormeau Road decision. Train and many bus services were being withdrawn from 6.00pm.

Sunday night's disorder was the worst for months. By dawn loyalists had mounted 115 attacks on the police, injured 19 officers, thrown nearly 100 petrol bombs, hijacked 27 cars and damaged 57

homes and other buildings. The police made 30 arrests, fired 40 plastic bullets and seized 403 petrol bombs. One inspector suffered a fractured skull. In Portadown yesterday loyalists hijacked and set alight a bus and several cars.

Roy Bailie, chairman of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, said the situation was "just appalling". Given peace and a resolution of the parades issue, tourism could create 20,000 new jobs and generate an additional £500 million a year, but the events of Sunday had "put us back at least four years".

Mr Trimble said: "This situation has the capacity to destabilise Northern Ireland. It could put at risk all the political progress we have achieved, and we know there are elements on both sides who are trying to exploit the

situation for that reason." He denied reports that he had threatened to resign unless the Government let the Drumcree parade down the Garvaghy Road, but his position is difficult. As the Ulster Unionist Party's leader, his sympathies lie with the Orangemen, but as First Minister he must uphold the law.

The Rev Ian Paisley, his Unionist rival and a leading opponent of the Good Friday peace accord, is positioning himself as the protesters' champion. "This protest will last until the men walk down the road", he said after a midnight visit to the Drumcree encampment.

Efforts to resolve the stand-off continued around the clock. Ronnie Flanagan, the RUC Chief Constable, met Mr Paisley at 2.00am yesterday and senior Orangemen an hour later. But there were no signs of a breakthrough and one senior UUP official admitted: "We exhausted just about every avenue last week."

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Tom Black and Stephen Hobson, of the Portadown Orange Order, camping outside Drumcree church

Holiday feeling masks struggle that lies ahead

By Audrey Magee, Ireland Correspondent

TENTS and hamburger stands have replaced the cows that normally graze a field in Portadown. The Orangemen are setting in for the long wait to cross barricades and walk down the Garvaghy Road.

On the 20-acre campsite across the road from Drumcree parish church, men sit on deckchairs chatting about the likely outcome of their stand-off, while younger men play football and coax Scottish soldiers into taking their photographs through the barbed wire.

About 60 tents have been put up in the field. The Orange Order has set up a large marquee as shelter for men who have a sleeping bag but no tent. Campfires burn for most of the night, generating the holiday atmosphere Orangemen associate with the July parades.

"Thousands of people flood the field each evening after work in a show of solidarity. Yesterday many of them stayed into the early hours of the morning to greet the Rev Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party leader, when he came out of talks with Orange leaders at 2am. To cheers from the crowd and

hearty renditions of Orange songs, Mr Paisley walked to the barricade and, standing under an army spotlight, told the Orangemen not to lose faith in their fight.

The men in the tents return home every morning for a shower and change of clothes. Food is supplied by wives, girlfriends, sisters and mothers who arrive at all times of the day with cooked meals. After a wash and change of clothing in Portadown, Floyd Hopson, a baker taking two weeks' holiday, returned to his tent and a breakfast prepared by a friend's mother. From a warmed plate he ate an Ulster fry with griddle bread and fresh scones.

"This is not hardship. We are getting better treatment here than we ever do in our own homes," he said.

CORRECTION

A man who attempted, while drunk, to get access to the flight deck of a Finnair plane was not, contrary to a report (June 23), a Finnair pilot, and in fact had never been employed by the company in any capacity.

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Bishop Reid: said Christ had been forgotten

Church urged to recognise that couples cohabit

By RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE GENERAL SYNOD

THE new marriage service in the Church of England should recognise the fact that most people now live together and even have children before they marry, the General Synod was told yesterday.

The synod, meeting at the University of York, was debating the draft of a new marriage service that will form part of the Church's liturgy to be issued in 2001.

In the service, the phrase "let no man put asunder" has been changed to "let no one put asunder". Brides are for the first time to be given the option of walking down the aisle with their fiancés rather than being "given away" by their fathers.

But the form and style remain similar to the traditional marriage service. And after earlier protests when the word was removed, brides have once again been given the option to promise to obey their husbands. Yesterday at the synod there were protests that the new service would be too traditional, because of the widespread changes in family life in the 20 years since the last marriage service was drawn up for the 1980 Alternative Service Book.

Margaret Baxter, assistant diocesan director of training in Blackburn, said: "When my

generation got married almost 30 years ago, the practice was that you got married first and then moved into a house together afterwards."

She pleaded for a marriage service "which includes a little more material which recognises the reality of our present situation".

Mrs Baxter said that it was not always appropriate to include in the service a prayer that the couple would be blessed with children "when grandma and grandpa are there in the front pew, busy trying to restrain the little peristers."

"The world has changed a lot," she observed. "This generation generally move in together first and then they might get married afterwards. It is true of my own children. It is true of most of those who come for marriage to our local parish church."

She wondered what attitude the Church should take to this change. "We could say: sin is sin. We could pretend it is not happening, which is what I feel this service at present does."

"Or we could be positive and creative. If St Paul considered that sex with a prostitute made her and her customer one flesh, then how much

more one flesh is a couple who, besides sex, share mortgage payments, washing, cooking, leisure and maybe childcare?"

"I have come to believe that, more often than not, these couples are married in God's sight. What is missing is a public declaration of their commitment to one another. It is when they feel ready to make that public declaration and when they want to ask God's blessing on it that they come to us for a wedding."

Mrs Baxter was speaking during a debate on the draft of new services for marriages and funerals, and for thanksgiving for the birth of a child. The Ven Trevor Lloyd, Archdeacon of Barnstaple, said: "Accompanying people on this journey through the wonders of death, or birth, is part of the mission of the Church, and to the extent that people on that journey come to know God through Christ, it is evangelism."

The services were given general approval by the synod and, after further revision, will come back to the synod next year for final approval. All the Church's services are being revised for the new book, "Common Worship", which will succeed the Alternative Service Book in January 2001.

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Britain 'has lost its spiritual memory'

THE people of Britain make up a "sick community" which has forgotten about Jesus Christ, the Archbishop of Canterbury's chief adviser on the millennium said yesterday.

The Right Rev Gavin Reid, Bishop of Maidstone, who chairs the archbishop's millennium advisory group, called for the millennium celebrations to "reawaken" the country's spiritual memory. Bishop Reid, from the evangelical wing of the Church, said: "We live in a country which has lost its cultural and spiritual memory. That is a very serious matter."

"Just as a person who has lost his or her memory is rightly regarded as a sick person, so a community that has lost its memory is a sick community." Bishop Reid said it was this "tragic loss of memory" that was motivating the Churches' millennium plans.

The Churches are preparing special millennium services before and after January 1, 2000. Plans are also under way to deliver a "millennium candle" to every home in the country, a plan which will cost £8,000 in Oxford alone.

Bishop Reid said: "I do not believe that the people of this country have deliberately rejected Jesus Christ. I believe they have forgotten about him and that they live in a country where the contemporary speed and noise culture reinforce that amnesia."

Tax changes 'will cost £12m'

THE Government's decision to withdraw the tax credits on dividends will cost the Church of England £12 million, the General Synod was told yesterday. The change will force the Church Commissioners, who manage the Church's £3.5 billion assets, to cut back further on clergy stipends, the synod was told.

Sir Michael Colman, First Church Estates Commissioner, said that the Church was

spending more than was prudent to sustain long-term support for the ministry. "We must avoid any temptation to incur further obligations at this stage," he said. "I pay tribute to the continuing and increasing generosity of the parishes in taking on additional burdens."

He said the commissioners' investment performance in 1997 had been excellent "taking the value of the assets from

just under £3 billion to £3.5 billion."

But he said that the level of financial support that could be offered to the parishes was depressed by the need to spend £82 million on clergy pensions, amounting to 60 per cent of total expenditure. This compares with £19.5 million spent on supporting the parishes through paying stipends, and £13 million spent on bishops, last year.



Julie Andrews was honoured by the Variety Club of Great Britain yesterday, the day her voice was heard on a British stage for the first time in 40 years. A number of personalities, including the singer Tony Bennett, paid tribute to Andrews, who was presented with a silver heart from the Variety Club for her contribution to the

A heartfelt return for Andrews

world of showbusiness. Last night her voice was heard at the Royal Gala performance of *Doctor Dolittle*, singing

the part of Polynesia the Parrot. She told her audience at the Dorchester Hotel that she had agreed to the lunch because of the organisation's charity work. She said: "This heart is going to hold a special place in my home, and my heart, for a very long time" and dedicated it to all the people behind the scenes.

Schools to challenge ban on caning

By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

A GROUP of Christian schools is to challenge the Government in the European Court of Human Rights if they are denied the right to use corporal punishment.

The schools will present a petition to the Prime Minister this afternoon as the House of Lords debates the School Standards and Framework Bill. The legislation would, for the first time, prevent independent schools from using corporal punishment.

Ferris Lindsay, a teacher at The Cedar School in East London, said some schools might defy the ban if the legislation were enacted. "We feel that, if parents at a school are unanimous about corporal punishment being available, then no government should say that it cannot be administered."

Although leading independent schools have long since abandoned corporal punishment, it remains in use at a number of small evangelical schools, such as The Cedar. Young children are smacked on the hand, while older children are given the slipper in cases of "deliberate naughtiness".

The Cedar School, established in 1992, has only 30 children, paying less than £800 a term. The pupils are from Sikh, Muslim and atheist families, as well as Christians, but the school curriculum and discipline policy are based strictly on the Bible.

Mr Lindsay, who also has children at the school, said a dozen similar schools supported the campaign to amend the Bill and up to 50 were likely to join. "We will certainly be taking the issue to Europe if necessary because we think the Government has been badly advised."

The parents' letter to Mr Blair says: "We feel sure you will agree that it is the responsibility of parents to decide for themselves what lawful, safe and loving disciplinary arrangements are appropriate."

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Doctors reject 'politicised' cancer pledges

DOCTORS' leaders condemned government promises to cut waiting times for cancer treatment yesterday. The British Medical Association agreed that the pledges owed more to political expediency than to clinical need.

The White Paper on reorganising the NHS, published in December, makes a firm commitment that, by April, all women with suspected breast cancer will be able to see a specialist within a fortnight. By 2000, the same promise is extended to anyone given a provisional diagnosis of the disease by a GP.

Anthony Atkinson, a cancer specialist from Northamptonshire, told the association's annual conference in Cardiff that, with funding limited, cancer patients should not be treated ahead of those with other serious conditions — a clinical fact the Government had overlooked.

"Politicians are understandably drawn to areas of human experience that will command voters' attention and to use these to win over allegiance," he said. "This carries with it a danger that commitments are made which overstep the realities of funding and resource allocation. Public expectations are rising all the time and great responsibility must be exercised by government departments in prioritising targets and deadlines that affect clinicians."

Fiona Randall, a Dorset GP, said that the political imposition of waiting times for specific treatments, such as those for cancer, was impractical, unnecessary and unjust. It was not easy to define which cases were suspected of being cancer, and government interference would not help to make diagnosis any easier.

If those believed to have the illness received priority treatment, then people who were just as sick, or worse, would be disadvantaged. "Politicians cannot dictate clinical priority," Dr Randall said. "That leads to serious and inevitable injustices."

Peter Hawker, deputy chairman of the consultants' committee, said that the govern-

ment promise misunderstood the true nature of cancer. "It doesn't explode and grow and become inoperable in two weeks," he said. "It is far better to plan and organise things properly. Haste is not the name of the game and it may be totally inappropriate to do it in two weeks just to fit in with a political gesture."

Another problem was that the promise would lead to large numbers of referrals, since patients could be turned into suspected cancer patients by GPs so that they could jump the queue to see a

specialist. Sir Alexander Macara, the BMA chairman, said that the promise appeared to have been no more than an off-the-cuff remark by a politician which was then turned into policy. "It is not very intelligent to act on a populist level to set a target and then get doctors, poor devils, to adhere to it," he said.

Motions at the meeting heavily criticised government funding for the health service. Sir Alexander said that £6 billion was needed at once to repair "the crumbling equipment, crumbling buildings and crumbling staff". In addition, there had to be a real-terms increase year on year over the next five years to get the NHS up to scratch.

Chaand Nagpal, a GP from Hendon, North London, called for "the near impossibility of political honesty" to tell the public the truth about NHS funding. The public had to be told that Britain spent less of its wealth on health than any other comparable OECD country. "As a result we afford fewer hospital beds than most other developed countries... and that is why patients have their operations cancelled on day of admission, wait overnight on casualty trolleys before being admitted and wait 18 months routinely for elective surgery."

The public also had to be told that Britain had fewer doctors per head than any other OECD country. "It is for this reason alone that the NHS continues to force junior doctors into working unacceptably long shifts, where cross cover means having to be simultaneously operating in theatre, covering emergency admissions and conducting a ward round."

This shameful reality was solely the result of underfunding "and consequent rationing is solely the responsibility of the Government. We demand an end to the insulting pretence of politicians saying you can get more for less or something for nothing. The public must be told unequivocally that you get what you pay for. If you pay peanuts you get monkeys."

Failure to increase the number of hospital consultants made it impossible to cut the lists, said Sir Alexander Macara, and lack of a government-wide strategy on public health was perpetuating unfairness in society. "For too many of our citizens it is still Cruel Britannia," he told the association's annual meeting in Cardiff. "We await evidence of commitment by the Government as a whole to support Tessa Jowell, the Public

Health Minister, with effective policies across the board."

Although much of what Labour had said and done was in tune with doctors' concerns, "the jury is still out. They must not assume that the measured welcome we have given to their policy statements denotes unthinking collaboration with anything they may subsequently propose."

The Government had to face the facts, he said, setting out his view of the National Health Service's situation. New hospitals were needed, and he was against them being built with private money. "We see this Government's convincing argument against the Private Finance Initiative while in opposition translated

into enthusiastic implementation when in power — an about-turn which would be a comic turn were it not tragic. No single policy better exemplifies the myopic doctrine of short-term gain for long-term pain."

More consultants were desperately needed, he continued, otherwise "all the worthy aspirations about reducing waiting lists and about engaging the profession in the management and development of the NHS are but empty rhetoric because the workload on our existing consultants is increasing remorselessly."

Medical academics, upon whom the prestige and commercial success of British medicine depended, remained

"under-resourced and undervalued", he said. "It is time to give some hard answers to the hard questions that we shall not apologise for posing. There are issues and hazards still to be tackled and battles still to be won."

The issue of rationing healthcare could not be "wished away by the facile inclusion in a White Paper of a denial of a need for it". The fact of the matter was that "chronic and debilitating underfunding of the NHS" made rationing inevitable.

The commitment shown by the Prime Minister in his speech on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the NHS "gives us good reason to hope that the outcome of the comprehensive spending review will offer relief", Sir Alexander said. "But the fear remains that the need for rationing will continue."

"If the sacrifices are not to be made by those least able to bear them we must order our priorities equitably and effectively." Provision of care must be related solely "to need and to evidence of effective outcomes".

Macara said jury was still out on Labour



Booth, left, and McCartney

Booth's tribute to McCartney

Cherie Booth paid tribute to Linda McCartney yesterday as she unveiled the latest stage of a cancer treatment unit. Ms Booth was in Liverpool to see work already completed on the £4 million Linda McCartney Centre. Ms Booth, a patron of Breast Cancer Care, said the unit — to open next year — would help cancer sufferers for the next 50 years.



Christopher Firmin with his mother, Jill Smith, and stepfather, Peter Smith, after the court approved the award, one of the highest of its kind

A BOY of 12 who was severely disabled at birth at a military hospital was awarded £2.35 million damages against the Ministry of Defence yesterday. The award to Christopher Firmin, who has cerebral palsy and needs 24-hour care, is one of the largest of its kind.

The boy was disabled after being

£2.35m award against MoD

starved of oxygen for six hours at the British Military Hospital in Hanover, in what was then West Germany, in 1986. The Ministry of Defence had admitted liability.

Michael Powers, QC, for the boy,

told the High Court that the large award reflected his near-normal life expectancy despite his severe disabilities, which had left him wheelchair-bound and unable to feed himself unaided. Approving the settlement, Mr Justice Tucker said: "He has a good intellect, which will help him through the years ahead."

Later, Christopher's mother, Jill Smith, 37, who gave up her job as a nurse at the Fallingbommel army base near Hanover to care for him, said the family would buy a specially adapted house in Bournemouth.

BMA chief urges more cash for hospitals and consultants

BY IAN MURRAY
MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE chairman of the BMA accused the Government of "empty rhetoric" in promising to cut waiting lists and to improve public health.

Failure to increase the number of hospital consultants made it impossible to cut the lists, said Sir Alexander Macara, and lack of a government-wide strategy on public health was perpetuating unfairness in society. "For too many of our citizens it is still Cruel Britannia," he told the association's annual meeting in Cardiff. "We await evidence of commitment by the Government as a whole to support Tessa Jowell, the Public

Health Minister, with effective policies across the board."

Although much of what Labour had said and done was in tune with doctors' concerns, "the jury is still out. They must not assume that the measured welcome we have given to their policy statements denotes unthinking collaboration with anything they may subsequently propose."

The Government had to face the facts, he said, setting out his view of the National Health Service's situation. New hospitals were needed, and he was against them being built with private money. "We see this Government's convincing argument against the Private Finance Initiative while in opposition translated

into enthusiastic implementation when in power — an about-turn which would be a comic turn were it not tragic. No single policy better exemplifies the myopic doctrine of short-term gain for long-term pain."

More consultants were desperately needed, he continued, otherwise "all the worthy aspirations about reducing waiting lists and about engaging the profession in the management and development of the NHS are but empty rhetoric because the workload on our existing consultants is increasing remorselessly."

Medical academics, upon whom the prestige and commercial success of British medicine depended, remained

"under-resourced and undervalued", he said. "It is time to give some hard answers to the hard questions that we shall not apologise for posing. There are issues and hazards still to be tackled and battles still to be won."

The issue of rationing healthcare could not be "wished away by the facile inclusion in a White Paper of a denial of a need for it". The fact of the matter was that "chronic and debilitating underfunding of the NHS" made rationing inevitable.

The commitment shown by the Prime Minister in his speech on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the NHS "gives us good reason to hope that the outcome of the comprehensive spending review will offer relief", Sir Alexander said. "But the fear remains that the need for rationing will continue."

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Bacteria may be clue to kidney stones

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

KIDNEY stones may be caused by tiny bacteria, scientists have discovered. They have found that nanobacteria — the smallest cell-walled bacteria, only recently found in human blood — form nuclei

around which the stones crystallise. Two Finnish scientists have been able to create stones in test-tubes. Although only tiny stones were produced, there is no reason why the process should not continue until they become large enough to cause serious medical problems. The process of stone formation has long been something of a mystery, with no single identifiable cause. They are more common in men than women, and in the summer than the winter.

The scientists, Olavi Kajander and Neva Ciftcioglu, of the University of Kuopio,

report in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* that the bacteria responsible are susceptible to antibiotics, suggesting that preventive treatment may be possible for people who suffer regularly from stones. In Britain kidney stones are diagnosed in 40,000 people a year.

GP allowed patient to tamper with records

BY PETER FOSTER

A DOCTOR who became embroiled in a family inheritance dispute was found guilty of serious professional misconduct yesterday after he allowed a patient to destroy part of her medical records.

The General Medical Council was told that David Barlow, 52, gave moral and emotional support to his friend and patient, Megan Swanston, 70, after her three daughters took legal action to have their mother evicted from the £58,000 family cottage.

During the dispute over the property in Woodhouses, near Failsforth, Oldham, Dr Gordon became sucked into a

"vortex of particularly acrimonious litigation", the hearing in London was told. The action was later settled out of court.

Dr Barlow admitted to the council's disciplinary committee that in August 1995 he had taken Mrs Swanston's medical records to her house and allowed her to remove a letter that referred to her as "bad tempered" and another document about her drinking.

Giving evidence to the hearing, Dr Barlow said he had failed to separate his professional duty from his personal feelings. "I feel humiliated," he said. "I have let the medical profession, myself and my family down."

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National register of nannies ruled out

A government task force says parents must take decisions on children's welfare, reports Valerie Elliott

A NATIONAL nanny registration scheme has been rejected by an influential government task force, which believes parents must take their own decisions about their children's welfare. But potential employers of child carers should be allowed to make a police check on applicants, according to a report on childcare published today.

The Government's Better Regulation task force — which is chaired by Chris Haskins, one of Tony Blair's new working peers — took the view that a national register would not offer parents complete protection. It also dismissed any form of licensing. Mr Haskins is understood to have won backing from the stance from the Blairs, who have employed nannies for their three children, and from members of the Downing Street policy unit.

The task force believes that parents and guardians must make "the final judgment" over whom they employ to care for their children. Schools and nurseries — whether private or state-run — are already subjected to laws and regulations, and ensure the qualifications and suitability of their staff. It will call on the Government to offer more information to parents about employing nannies and mothers' helps so they can make proper decisions.

A member of the task force said: "The police records on childminders are transparent and clear, but this is a problem for parents employing people in their own home. They should be able to use such checks." The task force also believes that new regulations would make life difficult for thousands of people doing a good job of looking after young children for working parents. It would do nothing to prevent unsuitable people from registering and finding a way around the system.

There was anxiety that a registration scheme would raise the formal qualifications for childcare jobs in the home and that many competent people with common sense and high standards of personal responsibility would be driven out of these domestic posts. One of the main reasons for rejecting such a scheme is Mr Blair's insistence that the Government should not encourage a nanny state. A senior Whitehall source confirmed that Mr Blair was a strong supporter of "personal obligation" and that he believed people had to make decisions after weighing up the elements of "risk and proportionality".

The need for individuals to achieve this balance is one being followed in various issues studied by the Downing Street policy unit. Risk versus proportionality has dominated discussions over various aspects of food policy and has also been raised in connection with small businesses and whether they should qualify for exemptions. Today's report on childcare will, however, call for an overhaul of the regulations governing early education and daycare for children. David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, and David Clark, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, have been briefed about the recommendations. The aim of the report is to influence future childcare policy as outlined in the Green Paper, *Meeting the Childcare Challenge*, which was published in May.

Tricia Pritchard, of the Professional Association of Nursery Nurses, was concerned by the task force findings. She said that society could not "turn a blind eye" to the care being offered to children in private homes. "We must get away from this old-fashioned attitude that anyone can do the job," she said. "Why, therefore, do all child carers in hospitals, schools and nurseries have to have adequate childcare training and are subject to police checks and inspections? Why are we saying that people employed to look after children in their own homes do not need this protection?" She accepted that a register would not prevent incidents of malpractice or child abuse, but argued: "A register linked with training and learning opportunities would improve the quality of care and would give parents greater safeguards."

Teachers 'shared in abusing boys'

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

A HOUSEMASTER at a boarding school for troubled children provided teachers and friends with vulnerable boys who were subjected to sexual abuse, a court was told yesterday.

The years of horror were exposed only when a victim, now 26, walked into a police station saying "he could not hack it any more", the court was told.

Nicholas Douglass, 45, is accused of sexual offences against boys, along with John Higgins, 45, a fellow teacher who often visited the school in West Sussex, where he played piano at functions.

Douglass admits indecent assaults and taking indecent pictures, but denies four more serious sex offences against boys. Mr Higgins, of Skipton, North Yorkshire, denies eight charges including indecent assault, gross indecency and two serious sex offences.

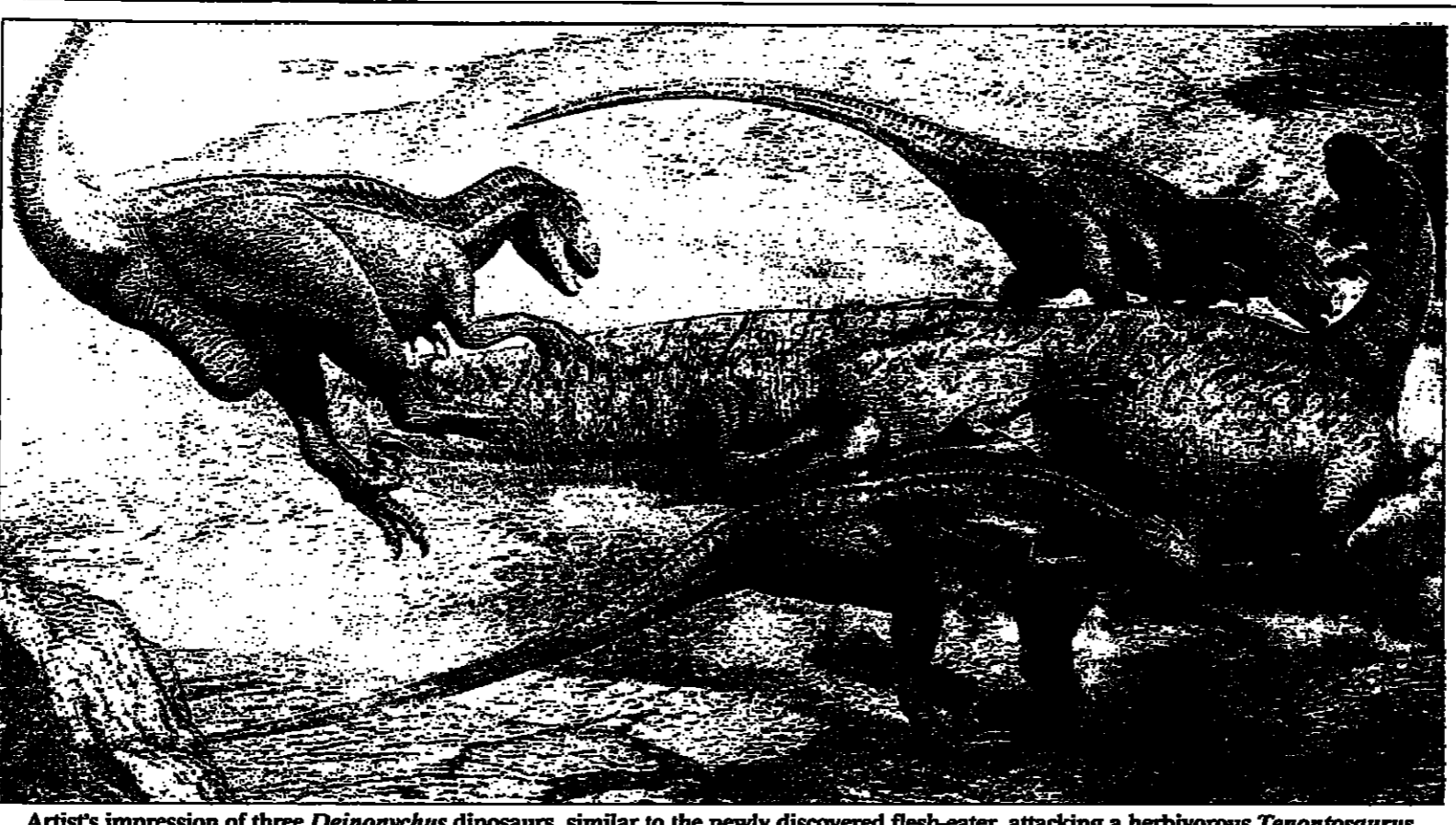
An alleged victim told Lewes Crown Court yesterday: "You were like a lamb to the slaughter. If I had a pound for every time it happened, I would be a rich man." He told police that he had been regularly abused by Mr Higgins, a man known as Jack and a third defendant, Mr X. He said: "I was shared among them."

The charges against the three men relate to a total of 18 alleged victims, some dating back almost 20 years.

Tudor Owen, for the prosecution, said Douglass was the prime mover in a paedophile ring involving special needs teachers and their friends.

Mr X denies a total of five offences, including indecent assault and a serious sex attack involving three boys. All three men deny conspiring together to indecently assault a boy who was sent to the school aged 9.

The trial continues.



Artist's impression of three *Deinonychus* dinosaurs, similar to the newly discovered flesh-eater, attacking a herbivorous *Tenontosaurus*

Debut of swift and deadly dinosaur

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A PREVIOUSLY unknown species of flesh-eating dinosaur has been found in the Isle of Wight. Swift, graceful, and equipped with murderous claws and razor-sharp teeth, the creature was about 1.5ft long. Unusually long hind legs gave it impressive speed. Steve Hutt, who is heading excavation of the fossil, says that it bore some resemblance to *Velociraptor*, the vicious dinosaur that featured in the film *Jurassic Park*. But checks with museums around the world showed that nothing exactly like it had been found before.

The fossil dates from 120 million years ago and was found by an unnamed collector where cliffs are crumbling into the sea. The precise place is being kept secret to keep visitors away. Mr Hutt, curator of the island's Museum of Geology, said that the quality of the latest find was "quite breathtaking" and included teeth with minute cutting edges.

The dinosaur had a tail up to twice the length of its body, which acted as a counterweight, switching from side to side as the creature ran with its head down and its body almost horizontal. "It was a lithe, whippy thing that moved very fast as it hunted different kinds of prey," he said.

Some of the skull and jaw, both hands and arms, elements of both feet and pieces of the tail, vertebrae and ribs have been unearthed. It will be a year or two before the excavation is complete. The dinosaur is likely to be named after its finder. Two years ago another unknown dinosaur was found at almost the same place, a smaller version of *Tyrannosaurus rex* called *Neovenator salerii*.

£3.25m payoff for sacking

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A BUSINESSMAN has received £3.25 million compensation from the leading biotechnology company Chiroscience, which dismissed him as deputy chairman in 1995. Details of the out-of-court settlement were announced yesterday in the High Court, where Nowell Stebbing had started a legal action for wrongful dismissal and the removal of share options.

The court was told that the figure, which was net of tax, included his costs of £255,000 for loss of salary, loss of share options of more than £5 million, and other benefits. Mr Stebbing, who was dismissed 18 months after he had steered the company to a stock market flotation in 1994, declined to comment after the hearing.

Chiroscience was founded in 1992 to develop pure drugs from chemical compounds. Dr Stebbing joined it in 1993. Chiroscience cave-in, page 25

Kenyon leaves job as Radio 3 Controller

BY CAROL MIDDLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

NICHOLAS KENYON is leaving his job as Controller of BBC Radio 3 amid claims that the station is being "dumbed down" to compete with Classic FM.



Kenyon: denied he was "dumbing down" station

Mr Kenyon, who has held the post for six years and has been Director of BBC Promenade Concerts since 1996, has been appointed to the new post of Controller of BBC Proms and Millennium Programmes. His successor at Radio 3 has yet to be announced. Critics recently alleged that the BBC's classical music station was being turned into a "drivetime easy listening" channel in an effort to appeal to a wider audience. Joan Bakewell, Peter Hobday and Richard Baker were given new shows last year in a move which some said showed that the BBC was more interested in personalities than music. Mr Kenyon has denied the charge of dumbing down, and the BBC said he had proved an "outstanding impresario".

Ratings have remained stable during his tenure despite the competition from Classic FM, although some executives have been frustrated by Radio 3's inability to increase its audience significantly. It attracts 2.6 million listeners a week, compared with 2.5 million in 1992. Classic FM has an audience of about 5 million. Insiders say Mr Kenyon would have liked to have stayed until the end of the decade, but the new job was too good to pass up. Matthew Barnister, Director of BBC Radio, said: "Nick Kenyon has increased the approachability and warmth of Radio 3 while maintaining its high level of cultural context and its commitment to the best and most adventurous live classical music, with major seasons like *Fairest Isle* and *Sounding the Century*. His first two Proms seasons have been remarkable successes, full of innovation and I am very pleased that he has agreed to direct the season for another five years."

Mr Kenyon said: "I've had a challenging and exhilarating time at Radio 3 and, with the help of many colleagues, taken the network forward while enhancing its commitment to new work and live music." Hilary Boulding, one of Radio 3's commissioners, is believed to be in the running to take over. Observers say the BBC's choice of Controller will indicate how seriously it intends to take the station.

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Tobacco giants win right to legal challenge

BY RICHARD DUCE

FOUR big tobacco companies are entitled to judicial review of a critical report into the industry after a judge decided that their "commercial morality" was under attack.

The companies want the report by the Scientific Committee on Tobacco and Health to be quashed because they were not consulted before its publication last March. Mr Justice Moses said yesterday that the report, which recommends a ban on tobacco advertising and smoking in public places, contained passages that might do commercial damage to the companies. It was arguable that they should have been given the chance to comment before the criticisms were published, he said.

The judge granted British American Tobacco, Imperial, Rothmans and Gallaher leave to seek a review in the High Court. Last week Jonathan Sumption, QC, for the companies, had described how the tobacco industry was "stung" by the "damning" report. In particular, the scientific committee had adopted the opinion of Peter Haynes, marketing manager of Wellcome, that the tobacco industry was deliberately setting out "to recruit new smokers to replace the ones we have killed".

The judge said the committee had chosen to record remarks which had the power to cause instant and irreparable damage. They had been made without any comment on the independence of their source, or their reliability, and were written in "an arguably tendentious manner".

The committee is the main advisory body on tobacco issues to the Government and its report, unless successfully challenged, is expected to provide the basis for the Government's pending White Paper on smoking.

Chris Proctor, head of science and regulation for BAT, said later that he welcomed the judge's decision. Statements in the report accusing the tobacco industry of targeting children and those who did not smoke were "absolutely outrageous".

Bill O'Neill, science and research adviser to the British Medical Association, said: "We are very keen to see the industry in court on a wide range of matters related to tobacco. We are confident of the scientific evidence that breathing other people's smoke does cause disease. Manufacturers have had every opportunity to publish any scientific information they possess that they feel was not submitted to the report. But they have consistently refused to disclose information."

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Advertisement for Radio 3 Controller, featuring a portrait of Nicholas Kenyon and text about his departure from the role.

Advertisement for Energis, featuring a woman's face and text: 'It goes out every night at 9pm. On the dot. And this is typical of the reasons why many of our customers, such as the BBC, demand high bandwidth and absolute reliability from their telecoms supplier.' Includes Energis logo and website address www.energis.co.uk.

Duke pleads with farmers to think of the future

THE Duke of Edinburgh made a plea for "sustainable agriculture" yesterday, issuing a warning against the dangers of increasing food production at the expense of the environment.

Speaking at the Royal Show, the annual showcase of British agriculture held at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, the Duke said that land was the origin of all renewable resources and not just a supplier of food. But he later presented one of the show's main awards to a manufacturer of pesticide and herbicide spraying equipment.

Opening the show, the Duke said: "There are indeed many people in the world who are desperately short of food. But unless production from the land is sustainable in every respect, future generations will suffer even greater privation. All life on earth is sustained by the biosphere. Nothing can justify its long-term degradation for short-term gain."

The Duke did not elaborate and stopped short of echoing the Prince of Wales's recent criticisms of genetically engineered crops, although he is thought to share some of his concerns about its safety.

Immediately after making his speech, the Duke was asked to present the Sir Roland Burke Perpetual Challenge Machinery Trophy, the show's premier machinery award. The award went to Case Sprayers, manufacturers of pesticide and herbicide spraying equipment.

For the first time, genetically modified crops are on

Prince Philip says short-term profit is threatening to destroy land, reports Michael Hornsby

display at the show: wheat implanted with extra gluten genes to improve its bread-making quality. The exhibit is being guarded because of fears that extremist opponents of genetic modification might try to damage the plants.

Patrick Holden, director of the Soil Association, the main organic farming body in Britain, called on the Government to make Britain the first "free zone" for genetically modified organisms in Europe. "Members of the World Trade Organisation can request a ban on the import of products that could be a health risk," he said. "The UK could bring a test case, and I hope that, under the growing pressure of public opinion, it will."

One of the many foreign visitors to the four-day show, Mike Akyeampong, Ghana's Agriculture Minister, announced that his Government was drafting legislation to control genetically modified crops. He said Ghanaian scientists were alarmed by the prospect of genes transferring from modified plants to wild ones, and by the risk that "uncontrolled cross-pollina-

tion could create plants which might upset the balance of natural habitats and make weeds on cropland more difficult to control".

Elliot Morley, the Countryside Minister, said that record numbers of farmers were applying for aid to convert to organic farming. Nearly 140 farmers had applied in the first five months of this year to join the 306 already receiving aid averaging £50 a hectare over five years to convert to organic methods. Mr Morley claimed that these new applicants would add 7,000 hectares to land in organic production, an increase of 25 per cent.

Organic farmers said that the aid was still minuscule, compared with the amount their counterparts received elsewhere in the European Union. They said that less than 1 per cent of farmland was managed organically in Britain, whereas several EU countries were already approaching 10 per cent.

Leading supermarkets including Asda, Iceland, Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's, Tesco and Waitrose, announced that they had formed a group to press the Government to give more aid to organic farmers. Andrew Sellick, of Tesco, said: "There is frustration at the shortage of local supply to meet the growing consumer demand for organic food. We would like the Government to not only to help farmers to convert to organic production, but to pay ongoing maintenance grants once they have converted, like most other EU countries do."



A model of the design by the Spanish architect Enric Miralles, its naturalistic shapes, centre, echoing the topography of nearby rocks

Boat design to launch Scots parliament

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH AND MARCUS BINNEY

A SPANISH architect has been chosen to design the Scottish parliament building in Edinburgh. The modernist concept by Enric Miralles was inspired by his holiday photographs of upturned boats in Scotland and Northumberland.

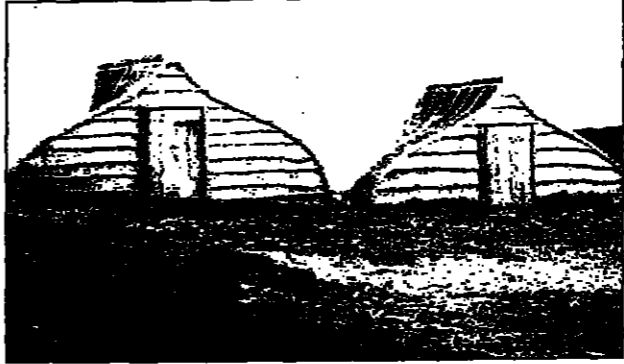
He received the unanimous support of the judging panel after it considered five international finalists for an architectural competition begun six months ago. His design was also the public's favourite in last month's consultations.

The £50 million building will stand at the foot of the Royal Mile, next to the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Miralles, 43, an award-winning architect from Barcelona, has until October to develop his concept into sketches for public display. Detailed drawings will be finished by next spring and building will start in the July for completion by autumn 2001.

His winning design has the



Miralles, winner of international awards, drew on Scotland's maritime history



promise of a Scottish equivalent of the new Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, formed of expressive sculptural shapes with hardly a straight line or plumb vertical in sight. Miralles's shapes have been likened to a series of giant Brazil nuts, but he prefers the metaphor of upturned boats, reflecting Scotland's maritime history.

The naturalistic shapes of his structure are a response to the topography of the site, notably the rocks of Salisbury

Craggs and Arthur's Seat. Concern was expressed that the design was very conceptual and might change dramatically in execution.

John Pellan, spokesman for the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, expressed delight at Miralles's success but added: "The design is very abstract at present and it is not clear if it can be contained within the £50 million budget. But it catches the public mood that the building should be distinctly Scottish. It's as far as you can go from a standard functional office building."

A spokesman for Ove Arup, which acted as engineering adviser, said: "This is likely to be a steel structure, clad partly in stone. The experience of the Guggenheim shows you can achieve dramatic curved shapes without having to go to the expense of curved beams."

Miralles also offered the most sensitive treatment of historic Queensberry House,

which Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, insisted should be preserved. The design leaves the house as a freestanding building and preserves four small gate lodges. A colleague of Miralles said: "We have tried to hold on to as much of the history of the site as possible."

Miralles has recently reached architecture's top league with a series of competition wins in Spain, Germany and The Netherlands, including the commission for a city hall in Utrecht. Other works include the archery range for the Barcelona Olympics and a evocative cemetery in Iguazala, Spain, which is held as his masterpiece.

Apart from his adventurous designs, Miralles made the most positive impression of the contestants at the interview stage. One of the jurors, Professor Andy McMullan, of the Mackintosh School of Architecture in Glasgow, said: "This time there was no need for a penalty shoot-out."

Cornwall warned of dark days ahead

By RICHARD DUCE

WHILE falling short of apocalyptic predictions, a report into the effects of next year's total eclipse over Cornwall makes ominous reading.

The conclusions do not quite mention plague or famine, but suggest overflowing sewers and "anarchic" fights for food

as up to six million people pack into the southwest tip of England in August 1999.

The report, which will be presented to Carrick council in Truro tomorrow, predicts traffic gridlock across the county for two weeks, bringing all but the tourism industry to a halt.

There has not been a total eclipse visible from mainland

Britain since June 1927 and the 1999 event will be best seen on a line passing through Falmouth and St Just.

The report, by the Walker Group, suggests that three million people staying in and around Falmouth will create 450,000 gallons of sewage a day. Policing of such large numbers would cost more

than £145,000 an hour. The group, which is applying for permission to build temporary campsites across Cornwall to cope with the expected crush, believes the area might have to apply for emergency government funding. It adds that a failure of food supplies could cause "desperate, anarchic mob behaviour".

All-over costume aims to put speed and style in the swim

WHEN Captain Matthew Webb swam the Channel for the first time in 1875, he wore a discreet all-in-one suit with leggings made of silk. More than 100 years later, swimwear designers are returning to the all-body concept, this time in the hope of shaving seconds off speed records.

When Mark Foster of England crouches on the starting blocks at the Commonwealth Games trials this week, the second fastest swimmer of all time will be relying on more than muscle power to help him to qualify. He will be wearing the human equivalent of a dolphin's skin: a revolutionary bodysuit made of Teflon which promises to help the swimmer to slip through the water. Adidas yesterday launched its Equipment Bodysuit, which runs from neck to ankle and is designed to reduce water resistance.

Coaches and parents say the suits are a gimmick designed to raise the profile and price tag on a sport that has traditionally demanded no more than a costume and a pair of goggles. The German sportswear manufacturer denies that the suits, which sell for £100, are destined for high street shops.

However, just as children have spent the summer in their favourite football team's colours, so it appears swimwear is becoming a watered-down version of the designs worn by professional competitors. Already popular are surf tops, worn with culotte length, skin-tight shorts, that can be seen in public baths all over the country and sell for up to £50. Adidas says that if demand grows, the Equipment Bodysuits will be adapted for general sale. "If there were the

trade-mark stripe may catch on as a fashion accessory, although experts doubt if it will become standard attire in major international competitions.

Despite claims by Adidas that England swimmers will wear its new suits at the Commonwealth Games in Malaysia in September, a spokesman for Speedo, which is the team's official swimwear supplier, said that was unlikely to be the case. "We are the official sponsor, we have donated money to the games council for the right to supply the equipment, and the swimmers will wear Speedo in Kuala Lumpur."

call for it from children and amateur swimmers, then Adidas would do it." Ashley Mann, a spokesman for the company, said.

Rosa Gallop, former coach of the Olympic medal winners Sharron Davies and Sarah Hardcastle, said: "The kids are bound to want one when they see the likes of Mark Foster wearing it. Maybe the kind of pressure parents face over football strips will apply to this."

This is not the first time that bodysuits have put in an appearance. At the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984, the Swedish women's relay team wore suits with wide shoulder



Mark Foster, right, and teammates try the new suit. Captain Webb sports the old one

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Drink campaign targets women

BY MARK HENDERSON

A CAMPAIGN to educate women about drinking is planned for the first time after research disclosed widespread ignorance of safe alcohol levels.

Only one woman in 12 understands how much she can drink without putting her health at risk, and most have little idea of the number of units in typical drinks, the study for the Portman Group, the alcohol industry watchdog, found.

The results come amid growing concern that high-profile celebrities such as Zoe Ball and Ulrika Jonsson, who match their male friends pint-for-pint, may be encouraging young women to drink more. The latest

General Household survey showed a sharp increase in women drinking more than the recommended weekly maximum of 14 units, from 9 per cent in 1984 to 14 per cent in 1996.

The findings have convinced the Portman Group of the need for an alcohol awareness campaign aimed specifically at women, and promotions will run in magazines this autumn. The slogan "23m4" will be used to show that women should drink two to three units of alcohol a day, compared with a maximum for men of three to four.

While men have been bombarded with advice on sensible drinking levels for years and are assumed to be aware of safe consumption levels, women have never before been targeted by

such a campaign. The Portman Group research found that almost two thirds of women did not know that a pint of ordinary-strength beer contained two units of alcohol, and more than 70 per cent did not know that a pub measure of spirits contained one unit.

Jean Coussins, the director of the Portman Group, said: "When it comes to drinking, different advice applies to the two sexes."

"But pregnant women or those trying to become pregnant should drink no more than one or two units once or twice a week, if they choose to drink. It's not just how much you drink, but how you spread it out that counts. People shouldn't save up their daily units for a binge session at the weekend."

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Newspaper to hand over tapes



Hunter: Blair school friend



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Fitzsimons: MP for Rochdale

TAPE recordings and notes relating to the "cash for access" row are to be handed over by *The Observer* to Downing Street investigators, the newspaper indicated yesterday.

The newspaper said it could corroborate all of its allegations "either on tape or by witness statements" and would co-operate fully with any inquiry by Ann Taylor, the Leader of the House. A statement from Ben Laurance, *The Observer's* business editor, implied however, it did not have tape recordings of Roger Liddle, a member of the Downing Street Policy Unit who is alleged to have offered to arrange meetings for businessmen with Downing Street figures in conjunction with the lobbyist Derek Draper.

Mr Laurance said: "On the specific issue of what Mr Liddle said in his discussion with our journalists at the Banqueting House reception, we are completely confident that we have correctly reported the relevant parts of that statement."

The newspaper said it would not be publishing the transcripts of the tapes, which are alleged to detail conversations between the journalists and the individuals named in its report.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, insisted there was no evidence to support allegations that market-sensitive contents of his Mansion House speech had been disclosed in advance to lobbyists. But question marks remained over whether anyone had briefed lobbyists about public spending totals or the broader content of his speech.

In a letter to Francis Maude,

Observer will co-operate with inquiry, Carol Midgley and Jill Sherman report

The Shadow Chancellor, Mr Brown denied that copies of his Mansion House speech had been given to lobbyists early. He challenged Mr Maude to produce evidence to the contrary and to give it to the police.

He told the Shadow Chancellor that, following a Treasury investigation, he had confirmed that he had followed the customary practice of releasing embargoed copies of his speech at 7.30pm on June 11, about 90 minutes before it was delivered. "No copy of the Mansion House speech was available before this time," said Mr Brown. "The speech was not finalised by me until shortly before 7.30pm."

However, Mr Brown failed to answer directly allegations made in *The Observer* and repeated by Mr Maude that details of the speech had been passed to Ben Lucas, a former aide to Jack Straw who now works for the lobbying company ILM.

The Observer also alleged that the precise figure of planned growth in public spending of 2.75 per cent for the next three years, announced on June 12, was leaked to Mr Draper, a former adviser to Peter Mandelson. Public spending details were also said to have been leaked to Mr Lucas.

Yesterday there was a great deal of confusion over who

had said what to whom, and when. Interviewed on BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*, Mr Lucas appeared to backtrack from what he is alleged to have said to *The Observer*.

Mr Lucas was asked if he had access to Mr Brown's speech. He said he did not, and if he had had any information he would not have passed it on to anyone. He denied that he had been told that Mr Brown would announce a housing inspectorate in his Mansion House speech (which the Chancellor did not), despite this allegation in *The Observer*.

He said the meeting with Gregory Palast, from the paper, took place well after the speech. But Mr Palast, interviewed on the same programme, challenged Mr Lucas's account, pointing out that he had the transcripts.

"Maybe his memory is faulty," he told the programme. "Lucas says, and I quote, 'The reason that I knew that in advance about the Chancellor's speech is that I was speaking to some of the people who were writing the Chancellor's speech'. He said it three times."

An aide to Mr Brown categorically denied that anyone from the Chancellor's office had spoken at any time to Mr Lucas or Mr Draper about the speech or public spending totals. It was made clear that neither Charlie Whelan, Mr Brown's spin doctor, Ed Balls, his economics adviser, or Ed Milliband, another adviser, had spoken to the lobbyists.

Mr Brown's letter stressed that he had not mentioned the 2.75 per cent spending total in the speech or the statement on spending in the Commons the next day. However it was contained in the accompanying Treasury documents.

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Sir Richard: writing to all heads of department

Advisers reminded of need to be careful

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND VALERIE ELLIOTT

SENIOR civil servants and special advisers will today receive a fresh warning about the need to exercise care in their dealings with the likes of Derek Draper.

Sir Richard Wilson, the Cabinet Secretary, is writing to the heads of all government departments telling them to remind their staff of the obligations that current rules impose on them in their relations with lobbyists and public relations companies.

He is also expected to consider whether tougher regulations are required in the wake of the cash-for-influence row.

The rules to which he will draw attention are:

- Civil servants should conduct themselves with integrity and honesty. (Article 5 of the Civil Service Code).
- Civil servants should not misuse their official position or information acquired in the course of their official duties to further their private interests or those of others. (Article 8)
- Special advisers are required to exercise care in the use of official information acquired in the course of official duties and not to disclose information which is held in confidence. (Model contract for special advisers: paragraph 14a).
- Special advisers are required to conduct themselves with all provision of the Civil Service Code. (Model contract: 14c)
- Special advisers can liaise with outside interest groups to assist ministers' own access to their contribution. (Schedule to model contract)

Sir Richard and senior officials have made clear that disciplinary action would be taken against any official found to be in breach of the rules. He will remind all officials of their obligations and responsibilities and might draw up specific new guidance in relation to lobby and PR companies.

Soho party attracts senior staff from Downing Street

By JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

IF EVIDENCE were needed of the close links between new Labour lobbyists and Downing Street, it was provided by a party held last week by the company Lawson Lucas Mendelsohn.

One of the three firms at the centre of the current allegations, it had invited Labour luminaries to a London restaurant to celebrate the party's first anniversary. The event, entitled "The Party - one year on", was a typical new Labour affair.

Two upstairs floors had been hired at del'Ugo, a Soho restaurant near the company's office. The supply

of free wine, champagne and canapés was seemingly endless. Free videos of England's 1966 World Cup victory were handed out, another reminder of new Labour's enthusiasm for "the people's game".

The place was packed. Special advisers, lobbyists, MPs, their researchers and other political hangers-on mixed with journalists and policy experts as the champagne flowed long into the night.

At the centre of the crowd were the firm's three founders: Ben Lucas, Neal Lawson and Jon Mendelsohn, all former advisers to Tony Blair and other senior Labour figures when in position. Derek Draper put

in an appearance. Yet what marked out last Wednesday's event from the usual round of lobbyists' parties was the significant number of Downing Street staff at the heart of the Government.

Mr Blair's chief of staff, Jonathan Powell, was there. So, too, was Anji Hunter, Mr Blair's school friend and longstanding special assistant.

Three members of the Downing Street Policy Unit turned up: Liz Lloyd, who covers home affairs; Pat McFadden, who deals with constitutional issues; and Peter Hyman, a strategic adviser.

Hilary Coffman, a senior member of the Downing

Street press office, was there. Also at the party were David Bradshaw and Philip Bassett, the former journalists who work for Downing Street's Strategic Communications Unit.

Two influential ministerial advisers attended: Ed Owen, who replaced Ben Lucas after the election as special adviser to Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, and Benjamin Wegg-Prosser, a special adviser to Peter Mandelson.

Among the Labour MPs there were Janet Anderson, a senior whip and Member for Rossendale and Darwen; Fiona MacTaggart, who represents Slough; and Lorna Fitzsimons, Member for Rochdale.



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Hague says No 10 is operating cronyism culture

By POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

WILLIAM HAGUE accused the Government yesterday of operating "a culture of cronyism" as he went on the attack over "cash for access" allegations.

The Conservative leader said claims that lobbyists had offered meetings with ministers and advance copies of confidential documents in return for payments should be investigated immediately by Tony Blair.

Speaking to a Tory party meeting in Buxton, Derbyshire, as he returned to the political fray after two weeks of ill health, Mr Hague said: "Labour stands accused of

cronyism at No 10, illegal leaking of market sensitive information at No 11 and contempt for the workings of Parliament itself."

So far, the only response from the Government had been "warm smiles, lots of talk and no action whatsoever". Mr Hague said that it was time for Mr Blair to assert his authority.

"There is a culture of cronyism at the heart of this Government which is distinctly unpleasant," he said. "It has become arrogant with power very quickly indeed. It's time the Prime Minister cleaned up his act, and fast."

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Sudden fall from grace of a fixer who loved the high life

Even ex-colleagues in Labour have been secretly pleased by drastic end to lobbying career, writes Andrew Pierce

WHEN Derek Draper predicted last week that the curtain was going to come down on his lucrative lobbying business he could never have dreamed how swiftly he would be proved right.

It was not only the Tories who were cheering the dramatic demise of Mr Draper, 30, who counted Tony Blair, Peter Mandelson, and even the Queen's new spin doctor as his personal friends.

Many Labour MPs and apparatchiks, who had fawned on Mr Draper's childish, over-inflated claims about his access to the corridors of power, were also secretly pleased. He had bragged to anyone who would listen on London's fashionable party circuit, of which he was a permanent fixture, that his links to the court of Tony Blair would make him a millionaire before he was 35.

Having been a lowly MP's research assistant in 1992 Mr Draper today enjoys a six figure salary, a home in London's fashionable Primrose Hill, the ownership of a magazine. He is a step closer to his dream of owning his own publishing house.

Most lobbyists have a smooth line in chat, are past masters at name dropping, and impress their clients with insider gossip. Mr Draper could also boast of his unrivalled access to the top of the Labour tree.

But that was when Labour was in Opposition. In reality he had exaggerated his knowledge of the government deci-

sion making process and was prone to increasingly erratic predictions in current affairs magazines. "There is a touch of the Billy Liar about him," said one Labour source.

The fall from grace surprised few of his friends. One said: "He had it coming for a very long time. Derek is his own worst enemy. He is a mouthy, cheeky, likeable chappie but who craves publicity and recognition so was an accident waiting to happen."

Mr Draper, a Mancunian George Formby soundalike,

a creator of New Labour, at a Young Fabian conference. Mr Mandelson was impressed by the politically astute Mr Draper who showed a maturity beyond his years.

Mr Draper had judged correctly that Mr Mandelson would become a key player. After the election of Blair as Labour leader Mandelson's influence soared. Mr Draper, an adroit adviser and gifted self-publicist, ensured some of the gloss rubbed off on him.

Some Labour strategists fear that Mr Draper, who knows where many of the

satirised Tory politicians which led to allegations that the comedian was serving up Labour Party propaganda.

By the 1997 election Mr Draper was no longer the sorcerer's apprentice but a youthful cutting grown to resemble the original plant. He had branched out into the commercial world of lobbying but worked part-time for Mr Mandelson until 1996.

Mr Draper, who returned to Mr Mandelson's side during the election campaign, was ideally placed to observe Blair's landslide. He exploited

the high life in Tony Blair's kitchen cabinet, decided the life of a humble backbencher was not for him. He sought fame and fortune instead. Having been appointed to the board of GPC, a lobbying company, he won a £25,000 grant to set up Europe 2010 a network of pro-European politicians and advisers. It brought him into contact with Prime Europe which took over GPC. "They wanted only one thing: Mr Draper. He had the contacts and the stature," said one lobbyist last night. Mr Draper was reputed to have picked up £200,000 in the takeover.

Mr Draper, who has an eclectic circle of friends who have nicknamed him Dolly, is a regular at society balls with royalty and prime ministers. He is also prepared to defend controversial causes. Mr Draper was a lone voice defending Mr Blair's links with Bernie Ecclestone, the grand prix supremo, amid allegations of selling out to the tobacco lobby. He defended Downing Street's relations with Rupert Murdoch, the chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, the parent company of The Times.

His pager vibrated at the end of both interviews with a message from Labour Party communications headquarters: "Thank you for your loyalty."

Few dispute that Mr Draper is tough political operator. His enemies would not write him off.

his links to the centre of the government when he wrote Blair's First 100 Days.

The book was not without its embarrassments. It revealed the secret meetings between Mr Mandelson and Camilla Parker Bowles as part of the image rebranding after the death of Diana.

Friends argue that Mr Mandelson is no longer such a close friend. But it is not being denied that each week Mr Draper faxed his newspaper column for The Express to his former mentor for approval.

Mr Draper, having tasted

Derek Draper

Rough justice for Blair and Brown?

Accusations on the grounds that he was a lobbyist for the Tories...

Derek Draper was sacked after he reportedly said Peter Mandelson "vetted" his Express column

Mandelson is unlikely to escape fallout

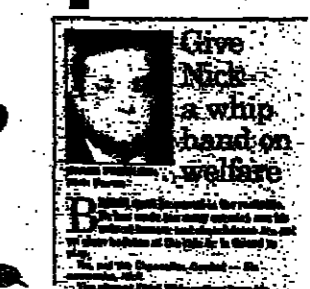
By NICHOLAS WATT AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE fall of Derek Draper and the precarious position of Roger Liddle come as a severe blow to Peter Mandelson. The two men at the heart of the row are close allies of the Minister without Portfolio who will — at the very least — suffer acute embarrassment at the allegations of impropriety.

Although Mr Mandelson has done nothing improper himself, his supporters acknowledged yesterday that he cannot escape the fallout from the second sleaze scandal to hit the Government. One source said: "Peter has behaved properly. But yes, this affair is embarrassing." Rosie Boycott, the Editor

of The Express, yesterday sacked Mr Draper from his £70,000-a-year column after he had reportedly said that Mr Mandelson "vetted" his column — subtitled Inside the Mind of New Labour — before it appeared. Ms Boycott said: "All the columnists that I want to employ must be independent. They must not be discussing their column in detail with a Government Minister."

Although Mr Draper stopped working for Mr Mandelson nearly two years ago, the two have remained in close contact. Mr Draper is regularly seen socialising with members of Mr Mandelson's circle and acts as an unofficial government spokesman on Newsnight and Channel Four News. The



Conservative Party yesterday pointed to recent columns in an attempt to illustrate the private thoughts of Mr Mandelson. Only a few weeks ago, Mr Draper wrote: "Did you know that Britain had a Minister for Europe? Do you know his name?" The Minister without Portfolio is acting as the Prime Minister's unofficial European envoy, much to the dismay of Doug Henderson, the Minister for Europe.

The two men's close friendship dates back to their days as Lambeth councillors in the early 1980s. In 1995, Mr Liddle and Mr Mandelson co-authored the book The Blair Revolution: Can New Labour Deliver? which first outlined many of the policies adopted by the Government.

Insiders' knowledge a must for the outsiders

By JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL REPORTER

EVER since Tony Blair began transforming Labour into an election-winning machine, lobby groups and public affairs consultancies have been falling over themselves to hire party apparatchiks and officials to get on the inside track of the new regime.

What was initially a slow trickle became, in the run up to and immediately after the election, a flood. Senior Labour officials were quickly head-hunted and lured away by large private sector salaries that dwarfed their party wages.

Press officers used to dealing with the fast pace of political news were hired to boost companies' public relations teams. Even young researchers who had spent a few weeks doing the photocopying while on work experience at Labour's Millbank Tower headquarters were snapped

up in the somewhat vain hope they might provide some insider know-how.

One of the most senior lobbyists who used to work for Labour is Colin Byrne, a former chief press officer and former deputy to Peter Mandelson in the party's communications unit. He is now the managing director of Shandwick Consultants Ltd, Britain's biggest political PR firm. He is married but separated from Julie Hall, the former press secretary to Neil Kinnock.

Also on the staff at Shandwick are Andy Corrigan, a former aide to Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, and Rachel Blackmore, who until six months ago worked for Mike O'Brien, the Home Office minister.

Mike Lee, a former adviser to David Blunkett, is now deputy managing director of Westminster Strategy, a long-standing government and media relations consultancy.

One of his colleagues is Jo Moore, until recently a senior Labour press officer, who works there part-time as an account director.

The most recent recruit to the world of public affairs from the Labour hierarchy is David Hill, the former Labour chief press officer, who has just joined Bell Pottinger, the firm headed by Sir Tim Bell, Margaret Thatcher's favourite public relations adviser. Nicholas Williams, a former adviser to David Clark, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, also works for Bell Pottinger as a consultant, as does Amanda Francis, a former adviser to Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary.

Gez Segar, a former senior Labour press officer, currently runs public relations for the New Millennium Experience Company, and is charged with improving the public image of the Millennium Dome in Greenwich.

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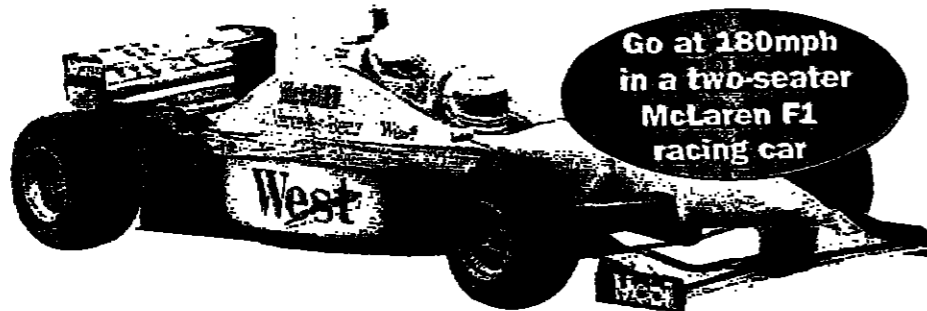
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Smoke rises from the cannon of the Union side during a restaging of the Battle of Gettysburg. About 35,000 people gathered on farmland in Pennsylvania to witness what was described as the largest American Civil War re-enactment, two miles from the site of the 1863 battle (Tom Rhodes writes).
Soldiers in blue and grey galloped past cheering spectators in the

Gettysburg echoes again to cannon's roar

three-day tableau which involved more than 15,000 performers. The Battle of Gettysburg marked a defeat for Confederate forces led by General Robert E. Lee. On the final day, he ordered his troops to charge the centre of the Union line but their efforts were doomed and Confeder-

ate forces were driven out of the North for the remainder of the war. More than 12,000 of General George Pickett's Virginia soldiers were massacred by the Union line and their commander never forgave Lee for ordering the charge. The re-enactors made every at-

tempt to look authentic, the men wearing all-wool uniforms, women dressed in hoop skirts, pantslets and woolen socks. Soldiers who cooked their meals over open fires, were drilled in their camps to renditions of Dixie and Marching through Georgia.

The only casualty of the event was a 22-year-old man who was in a satisfactory condition after being shot in the throat. No live ammunition was allowed on the battlefield, and police are investigating whether the shooting was accidental. One spectator, Richard Joblom of New Jersey, said: "It was like the man landing on the Moon — a once-in-a-lifetime event."

Clinton to visit Russia after China success

FROM BRONWEN MADDAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON is planning to follow his landmark tour of China with at least two more high-profile trips abroad this year. He aims to visit Russia at the start of September and the White House is investigating a trip to India later.

The President's travel bug comes after the collapse of many of his domestic policy initiatives, culminating in the defeat in Congress of the grand tobacco settlement, a ceasefire pact between cigarette manufacturers and the anti-smoking lobby. Overseas, at least at the moment, he is faring better. Even prominent Republican opponents of his China visit were moved to grudging support towards the end of the nine-day tour. However, if a trip to India goes ahead, almost certainly accompanied by a trip to Pakistan, it would be unlikely to get such approving reviews.

JFK death film wrangle

Tom Rhodes reports on a struggle to own a moment in history



A still shows the moment that Kennedy was shot; below, a secret serviceman jumps to his aid



A MUTE film of President Kennedy's assassination, one of the most famous clips in modern history, is at the centre of a row between the US Government and heirs to the man who shot the footage.

On the morning of November 22, 1963, Abraham Zapruder, a dress manufacturer in Dallas, took a Bell and Howell camera to work in the hope of catching a glimpse of the President as he drove through the city centre. Zapruder positioned himself near the Texas Book Depository and started the camera rolling as the presidential motorcade approached and before a bullet ripped through the head of John F. Kennedy.

The 26-second film is the only one in existence that shows the assassination and became a critical piece of evidence in the investigation by the Warren Commission. Frame 313, showing the shot that killed America's leader, remained a nightmare for its photographer. "I have seen it so many times," he told the

commission. "The thing would come every night — I wake up and see this."

Zapruder died in 1970, but his surviving family is less haunted by the image apparently, and is engaged in a battle with the Justice Department over the value of the most widely scrutinised piece of murder evidence.

The conflict began last year when the Assassination Records Review Board said the film was government property. The board gave both sides until next month to agree on how to transfer ownership.

The heirs, represented by Robert Bennett, President Clinton's lawyer, want \$18.5 million (£11.3 million) for the original film and its copyright. The Government has refused to pay more than \$3 million. Preserved in "courtesy storage" at the National Archive since 1978, the film has already earned an estimated \$650,000 for the Zapruders, who reportedly charge scholars as much as \$30,000 a viewing. Oliver

Stone, the director, is said to have paid a handsome sum when he used the footage in his film, JFK.

Regardless of the wrangle's outcome, a digitally enhanced version of the film will be available on video to the public later this month.

Mr Bennett, who compares the film to an original manuscript of the Declaration of Independence, said the family's interest in making the footage so widely available was to overcome the burden of deciding who can have access to it, when, and for how much.

The original film has little intrinsic value, the copies being of much better quality, but Mr Bennett places an historical value of \$70 million on the archive material.

He said the Zapruders had no wish to auction the eight-millimetre film to the highest bidder. His most recent offer on their behalf has been for the family to enter binding arbitration by a judge, with the price to be no higher than \$30 million.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Caspian states sign deal to exploit oil

Moscow: President Yeltsin of Russia and President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan signed a landmark accord on dividing the Caspian Sea, an important step towards launching a new oil boom in the region. The deal will enable both countries to exploit the estimated 13-15 billion tonnes of oil beneath the world's largest inland sea, although experts said further disputes could emerge over details.

Mr Nazarbayev hailed the agreement, which he said would avoid a "Balkanisation" of the northern Caspian. Political stability was vital in the North Caucasus if states were to profit from the oil bonanza. Analysts said the deal was an important step forward, but investors were seeking similar accords with the other littoral states — Azerbaijan, Iran and Turkmenistan — before celebrating. The accord signalled a climbdown by Russia, which had argued that the sea came under international jurisdiction. (AFP)

Football hooligan charged

Hanover: A 24-year-old German football hooligan was charged with the attempted murder of a French gendarme, Daniel Nivel, 43, a father of two, who is still in a coma after being clubbed and kicked by thugs during the World Cup in France. Two other Germans have already been arrested in France for the attack on June 21 after about 50 fans ran riot at the end of the Germany-Yugoslavia match in Lens. German leaders condemned the riot and the brutal attack on the gendarme.

The unidentified German fan was arrested at his home. When questioned, he admitted being in the vicinity of the attack, but denied being directly involved in the assault on Nivel. Police said they relied on witness reports and photographs to identify the suspect. (AFP)

Moscow arrests 'Seoul spy'

Moscow: A senior Russian diplomat has been detained and is to face charges of spying for South Korea. The Foreign Ministry announced, two days after a South Korean diplomat was ordered to leave for activities incompatible with his status (Robin Lodge writes). Interfax quoted security sources as saying the official was Valentin Moiseyev, deputy director of the ministry's Asian department.

Pakistan 'near nuclear pact'

Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistani Prime Minister, is sending a special envoy to Bangladesh for talks tomorrow on regional security amid reports that Pakistan is considering signing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty without waiting for India (Michael Binyon writes). Unconfirmed Bangladesh press reports say talks are going on to arrange a nuclear summit between Indian and Pakistani leaders.

Death call for cult member

Tokyo: Prosecutors have sought the death penalty for a former member of the Aum Shinrikyo cult who has been charged with murder. Kazuaki Okazaki, 37, right, is one of six people who have been charged with killing Tsunsumi Sakamoto, an anti-Aum lawyer, his wife Satoko and their one-year-old son Tatsuhiko in 1989. Mr Okazaki has also been charged with the murder of a cult member who was trying to leave. (AFP)



Cow dies after cloning birth

A cow that gave birth prematurely on Sunday to twin calves — cloned from the adult animal's cells by Japanese scientists using the process that created Dolly the sheep — died of underdetermined causes (Nigel Hawkes writes). A post-mortem examination is taking place. Another four adult cows, impregnated with embryos from the same cloning process, are said to be in good condition.

Camels shot for not halting

Kuwait City: American troops killed ten camels and wounded ten others when a herd strayed into a live-firing range near the Iraqi border in Kuwait. *Al Rai Al-Aam* said the soldiers tried to warn the grazing animals with loudspeakers, but "then opened fire immediately ... resulting in this tragedy" near the restricted Udairi desert range, about 30 miles from the border. (AFP)

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Inquiries into brutal prison regime dismissed as sham

FROM GILES WHITTILL IN LOS ANGELES

THE Governor and Attorney-General of California are facing a mounting scandal over allegations that they turned a blind eye to some of the worst prison brutality in the state's history. Ritual beatings and the deaths of seven inmates shot by guards during staged fights were among the incidents that have prompted two investigations of the maximum security Corcoran State Prison, home to Charles Manson, the mass murderer, and Sirhan Sirhan, Bobby Kennedy's assassin.

Six killings and at least one rape were ignored because of pressure from a prison guards' union that donated nearly \$1 million (£600,000) to Pete Wilson, the state Governor, and Dan Langren, the Attorney-General, according to prison officials quoted in the *Los Angeles Times*. The killings all happened between 1989 and 1994, when a policy of herding rival gang members into the same tiny exercise yard led to fights that

Corcoran's guards would choreograph, bet on and sometimes end with fatal rifle shots, whistleblowers said.

An inquiry into these so-called "Gladitorial Days" by the state's Department of Corrections descended into farce when 90 prison officers refused to answer questions and the original whistleblower, Richard Caruso, was the only one disciplined.

"The prison guards' union and the Governor's office ran the investigation," Jim Connor, the agent assigned to lead

it, complained yesterday. "This was no independent inquiry. It was a sham."

Neither the Department of Corrections nor a separate inquiry by the Attorney-General's office filed charges over the killings despite videotape showing one inmate, William Martinez, being shot in the back with an explosive bullet after fighting briefly with a rival gang member and then walking away.

Governor Wilson and Mr Langren have denied involvement in a cover-up.



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Rand hits new low in worries over bank chief

FROM R.W. JOHNSON IN JOHANNESBURG

THE slide in the value of South Africa's currency, the rand, continued yesterday as markets took a dim view of the announcement that Tito Mboweni, the ebullient Minister of Labour, is to succeed Chris Stals as Governor of the Reserve Bank next year. The currency has fallen more than 30 per cent in the past six weeks.

Concern was expressed at Mr Mboweni's appointment by several opposition parties, both on the grounds of his lack of experience in banking and the fact that he is a political appointee.

Commentators said that as Minister of Labour, Mr Mboweni had repeatedly given way to trade union pressure and had made the labour market more rigid, despite the Government's announced intention of seeking greater flexibility. Moreover, business holds Mr Mboweni responsible — both through his labour legislation and the radical affirmative action Bill he has just brought to parliament — for antagonising the business community and scaring away foreign investment, which is the immediate cause of the currency's fall.

Opening at R10.50 to the pound yesterday, the rand fell to R11.05 before firming in late

afternoon trading. It also touched a new low of 6.80 to the dollar.

Mr Mboweni, who will be the first black governor of the bank, is generally reckoned to be one of the rising stars of the African National Congress. He has never hidden his ambition to be Minister of Finance and there has even been talk that he may become President one day.

Unusually for an ANC minister, he has good personal relations with opposition leaders. Energetic, self-assured, hard-working and amiable, he is the only minister with any claim to knowledge of economics, having obtained an MA in development studies at the University of East Anglia. Nonetheless, bankers and market traders expressed concern at his inexperience in banking, pointing out that only two weeks ago Mr Stals declared that the one essential qualification for his successor was banking experience.

Some businessmen are more sanguine and reckon that Mr Mboweni will learn a lot in a one-year understudy of Mr Stals, who is to retire. Greater concern is aroused by the fact that some voices within the ANC and Communist Party have been demanding direct political control over

the bank and with Mr Mboweni's appointment they appear to have got it.

Sam Shilowa, a Communist trade union leader, announced his delight at the appointment of "Comrade Mboweni".

Mr Mboweni has resigned all his ANC posts but nothing can hide the fact that the ANC's first instinct is always to make a political appointment to any position that becomes vacant. It is no secret that in the last analysis, Mr Mboweni has followed instructions from the office of Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, and many bankers wonder why it should be different when he becomes the bank's governor. It is clear that mishandling by Mr Stals of the rand crisis has been the result of the intense political pressure on him. Mr Mboweni is succeeded as Minister of Labour by Shepherd Mdladlana, a leading member of the teachers' union and the Communist Party.

Despite tensions in the alliance between the ANC and the Communists, reflected in criticism last week of the Communists by President Mandela, analysts said it would hold together at least until South Africa's second all-race elections due next year.



Tito Mboweni, left, and Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, in Pretoria announcing Mr Mboweni's appointment as Governor of South Africa's Reserve Bank

Netanyahu fights right-wing bid to extend Israeli law

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Middle East peace process was dealt a further blow yesterday when right-wing Knesset members advanced legislation to extend Israeli law for the first time to all settlements in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, swiftly opposed the Bill, but Israel radio noted that it was supporters of his Government that had pushed it through the Knesset's influential legal committee. To become law the Bill will have to pass three parliamentary readings and be referred to the legal committee again.

Opposition deputies and leading Palestinians said the proposed Bill would deal a severe blow to the faltering 1993 Oslo peace process. It comes less than a month after uproar in the Arab world over Israel's proposal to put certain West Bank settlements under the "umbrella" of the Jewish-controlled Jerusalem municipality.

Benny Elon, a member of the extreme-right Moledet Party that introduced yesterday's Bill, claimed that such legislation would "prevent discrimination among Israeli citizens". Presently, the 160,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip come under military law since the land they live on was seized from Jordan in 1967.

"This Bill would stop discrimination between Israeli citizens, those who reside in Judea and Samaria [the bibli-

cal names for the West Bank] and those who live in Israel proper," said Mr Elon. In the past his party has supported the forcible transfer of Palestinians to the occupied territories to other Arab states.

Left-wing politicians argued that Palestinians would regard the Bill as virtual annexation of their territory.

Mr Netanyahu was emphatic that his Government would not support the Bill. "It is a private initiative and the Government will oppose it," he told reporters.

Palestinians claim that under international law, all the settlements are illegal. Washington has repeatedly described them as "obstacles to peace". The White House has also called unsuccessfully on the Netanyahu Government to order a halt to their expansion.

Yesterday Mr Netanyahu was summoned by the Opposition to address the Knesset. Accusing him of boycotting parliament for the past eight months, Elie Goldschmidt, the Labour whip, said: "I must say we have to teach the Prime Minister what democracy and the Knesset are."

Nevertheless, Mr Netanyahu caused uproar when he walked out of the chamber as Yossi Sarid, leader of the left-wing Meretz Party, was about to speak. Mr Sarid accused him of being a "coward".

Hebrew: A second Jewish settler was arrested for suspected involvement in anti-Palestinian vandalism at the weekend. (AFP)

Junta keeps Nigeria guessing over fate of its political prisoners

FROM DAVID ORR IN LAGOS



Abubakar favours fast transition to democracy

FROM the slums of Amukoko to the ambassadorial villas of Victoria Island, everyone in Lagos has a theory about the date of Chief Moshood Abiola's release. The most widespread prediction is that the presumed winner of Nigeria's annulled 1993 election will be freed in the next few days, after a month of mourning for General Sani Abacha, the late military dictator.

General Abdulsalam Abubakar, Nigeria's new military leader, is expected to make a broadcast

announcing a Cabinet reshuffle and a programme for the transition to democratic government. Many think he will also announce Chief Abiola's release. However, so inscrutable are the junta's intentions that few would care to bet on his fate or that of Nigeria's other political detainees.

Both Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General, and Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, who recently visited Nigeria, indicated that Chief Abiola's release was imminent. The tycoon politician was detained in 1994 for declaring

himself in defiance of Abacha's tyranny, the rightful President.

There is speculation that the new regime has been waiting to secure from Chief Abiola a written renunciation of this claim. His supporters, who want him to head an interim government of national unity, are outraged by Mr Annan's recent announcement that Chief Abiola no longer insists on being President.

Observers believe that General Abubakar will urge Nigerians to forget the annulled elections of 1993 and instead look to the future. A moderate career officer without

overt political ambitions, he is understood to favour a short transition leading to multiparty elections in the new year.

While international attention is focused on Chief Abiola's release, many analysts believe the importance of his role in the political process is being exaggerated.

"Abiola has become a symbol of democracy in a country run for so long by the military," said one diplomat in Lagos. "By keeping him in detention, the Abacha regime built him into someone much bigger than he really is. He's an important player but he's no

saviour. The truth is, he's just as corrupt as all the other politicians who've come to power in Nigeria."

A member of the Yoruba tribe from the southwest, Chief Abiola's main support lies in that region. His popularity among the Ibo of the southeast — the area known during the 1960s as Biafra — is said to have waned considerably. Although a Muslim, Chief Abiola has few allies among the dominant ethnic group, the Hausa-Fulani of the Islamised north. "The Yoruba are not Nigeria, they are only part of it and a marginalised part at that," said a diplomat with close

links to the northern military elite that has dominated politics since independence.

If Chief Abiola has renounced his claim to the presidency, there will be considerable pressure on him to reclaim his mandate once he is released. The southern opposition groups who back the 60-year-old businessman will be out in force and there could be confrontation with the security forces. If the military hardliners do not like what they see, General Abubakar's reforms might be brought up short.

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Priceless paintings recovered in Italy

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALIAN police raided flats in Rome and Turin before dawn yesterday and recovered three priceless paintings by Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Cézanne that had been stolen from the National Gallery of Modern Art in Rome. Eight people including a woman security guard at the museum were arrested, ending an episode that had embarrassed the Government of Professor Romano Prodi. Judge Italo Ormanni, the Rome investigating magistrate who led the hunt for the art, said police found Van Gogh's *The Gardener* and Cézanne's *The Cabin of Jourdan*, an unfinished painting the artist began the year he died, wrapped in blankets and cardboard. They were kept under a bed and on top of a wardrobe in the flats. Armed thieves stole the paintings from the museum in the Villa Borghese gardens on May 19 after forcing female guards to switch off security alarms five minutes after it had closed for the night. The daring robbery provoked a storm of criticism over what was seen as

an appalling lack of security in Italian museums. "This was a bleeding wound that Italy did not deserve," Walter Veltroni, the Cultural Heritage Minister, said. "Today the wound is closed." The works were apparently about to be sold to private collectors, but "fortunately we intervened before this happened", he said. Signor Veltroni declared: "We have honoured the commitment that we made 48 days ago, on the day of the theft, to do everything possible to recover these works of art." The head of the carabinieri art theft unit, General Roberto Conforti, said all those arrested were Italians. Turin police identified three of the alleged gang members as Maurizio Fossetto, Roberto Petrucci and Alfonso Di Fabio. Possento, 40, has convictions for receiving stolen goods and illegal arms sales while Petrucci spent three years in prison in Belgium after being convicted of robbing a jewellery shop. The gang was detected a month



Police with the stolen paintings in Rome yesterday. From the left: Van Gogh's *The Gardener*, Cézanne's *The Cabin of Jourdan*, and Van Gogh's *L'Arlesienne*

ago after a security guard among the 160 employees at the museum was discovered to have worked as a mole for the thieves. "The robbers knew a thing or two about the layout," Signor Ormanni said. "It was a difficult and risky operation because we

had to make sure we didn't endanger the paintings. It was more important to recover them than to make the arrests." The police bugged telephones to track down the gang. They seized a small arsenal of rifles, revolvers, a machine pistol as well as ammunition,

in addition to masks and wigs used by the alleged gang members. For the state, it was especially important to recover the Van Goghs as they were the only ones exhibited in Italian museums. They will go back on display today, Signor Veltroni said. The canvases, shown to the media in Signor Veltroni's office, were undamaged. "A nightmare is over for us," Elena Di Maio, an art historian on the staff of the museum, said. "We were never certain that the pictures would be recovered but of course we hoped for a happy ending." A

Caravaggio stolen from the museum about seven years ago has not yet been traced. She said there had been suspicions that it was an inside job. "Regrettably, one can't trust anyone. Whatever alarm system you have is useless if it is turned off."



Kovacevic appearing in The Hague yesterday

Hospital chief denies genocide at Bosnia concentration camp

BY TOM WALKER

A FORMER Bosnian Serb hospital director yesterday stood accused in The Hague of genocide, the first suspect to answer the gravest war crime charges under the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Milan Kovacevic, 57, is alleged to have helped to set up Omarska, the Bosnian conflict's most infamous concentration camp, where hundreds, possibly thousands — mainly Muslims and Croats — were

raped, tortured and killed. He was arrested in controversial circumstances a year ago in the Serb stronghold of Prijedor, when SAS troops pretending to deliver a parcel with a Red Cross logo pounced on him in his hospital office. Earlier that day, June 10, another SAS unit shot dead Simo Drijaca, a suspected accomplice of Mr Kovacevic, as he resisted arrest. Mr Kovacevic was originally charged with complicity in genocide, but in an amended indictment, 14 counts of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes were added. He pleaded not guilty. His case still arouses anger in Prijedor, 30 miles west of the Bosnian Serb capital, Banja Luka. Yesterday friends and relatives would say only that the former anaesthetist was the victim of a "political" trial. Brenda Hollis, the prosecutor, said that he played a key role in setting up mechanisms to purge Prijedor of Muslims and Croats. According to the indictment, he was

a senior official of the local "crisis staff" of the hardline Serbian Democratic Party, controlled by Radovan Karadzic. The Hague's most wanted suspect, Mr Kovacevic could face a life sentence. The Omarska camp and similar ones at Keraterm and Trnopolje, came to light in the summer of 1992, and revealed the true horrors of Bosnia. Mr Kovacevic is alleged to have helped to organise the transport of prisoners to the camps, where many were packed into cages and systematically massa-

cred. "We knew very well what happened at Auschwitz and Dachau," Mr Kovacevic said in an interview in 1996. "What we did was not the same as Auschwitz or Dachau, but it was a mistake. It was planned to have a camp for people, but not a concentration camp. Omarska was planned as a reception centre ... but then it turned into something else. I cannot explain the loss of control. You could call it collective madness." Mr Kovacevic was born in a Second World War concentration

camp — Jasenovac, in Croatia, where tens of thousands of Serbs were exterminated. Dinko Sakic, former commander of Jasenovac, has just gone on trial in Zagreb. Pristina: Diplomats accredited to Belgrade conducted a first mission to examine the situation in Kosovo, reporting no incident during their three-hour trip through part of the Serbian province. Two Serb policemen were later reported to have been killed. (AFP)

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Nato flight ban over Gibraltar eased by Spain

By GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE EDITOR

BRITAIN and Spain took a small but significant step yesterday towards resolving one of the longest-running disputes between two Nato allies.

The Madrid Government offered two concessions on Gibraltar which will mean that later this year Spanish and British naval and air forces will operate together in the Mediterranean in a Nato exercise.

Spain had previously refused to take part in any Nato exercises that involved forces which were based in or passed through Gibraltar. Yesterday, Madrid confirmed that it had decided to lift the ban.

In a second move, Spain has agreed to allow RAF and other Nato aircraft to fly to Gibraltar through Spanish airspace if they are forced to make an emergency landing in Spain. Under previous arrangements, a RAF aircraft landing in an emergency in Spain en route to Gibraltar had to return to Britain before flying out to The Rock again on a flight path that skirted Spanish airspace.

Although the developments are relatively minor — and at one stage yesterday the Spanish Foreign Ministry appeared to be denying there had been a deal — any movement in this stand-off between two allies whose relations, apart from on Gibraltar, are normally excellent, is seen as important. The Foreign Office in London was quick to welcome the concessions.

News of the Spanish decision was leaked to *El Pais*, probably by Defence Ministry sources, because Spain's service chiefs are desperate to iron out the difficulties with Britain over The Rock so the alliance can go ahead with its restructuring plans under which Spain will be given a command centre.

While confirming that Spain had reached an agreement with Britain over the use of Gibraltar in Nato exercises, Abel Matutes, the Spanish Foreign Minister, emphasised that it did not change Spain's sovereignty claims to The Rock.

The deal does not end the ban on military aircraft using Gibraltar airport from entering Spanish airspace in any other circumstances. Nor has Spain lifted the ban it imposes on Royal Navy ships that have docked at Gibraltar from sailing into Spanish ports.

"Spain has kept its stance, no restriction has been lifted," Señor Matutes said.

Both countries hailed the

agreement as a significant step towards reaching a full understanding over Gibraltar. Spain and Nato. A Foreign Office spokeswoman said it was hoped Spain could also be persuaded to lift other military restrictions.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, threatened last year to block the creation of a Madrid-based Nato command if the military restrictions on Gibraltar remained in place. He later withdrew the threat as the two sides began negotiations.

José María Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, has made his country's full integration into the Nato command struc-

ture one of his main foreign policy aims. Like France, Spain is a member of Nato but has remained outside the command structure. Britain fully supports Spain's integration into the military structure.

Nato has been trying to restructure its command set-up for a long time but has failed to agree a formula, partly because of the continuing dispute between Spain and Britain over Gibraltar. Another long-running dispute between Spain and Portugal over the Canary Islands was resolved.

Yesterday's announcement about the concessions which will allow Spanish forces to take part in future Mediterranean exercises will be welcomed by the rest of Nato.

Spain is to be given a sub-regional command under the revamped structure, although Madrid will have no territorial control over Gibraltar. The colony will be absorbed into a wider Nato command structure based in Naples.

On the question of sovereignty, the two countries remain as far apart as ever, although the British Government is currently studying proposals put forward by Spain in December which offered a so-called "two-flag" arrangement for Gibraltar — sharing sovereignty for an agreed period.

Mr Cook has put the proposals on the back-burner during the past six months to concentrate on Britain's presidency of the European Union. However, the plan will be examined over the next few months and there will be full talks with Peter Caruana, the Chief Minister of Gibraltar.

Britain and Spain meet annually under the "Brussels process", a forum set up in 1994 to discuss Gibraltar. The next meeting is in December.

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Revellers at the start of the San Fermín bull run festival in Pamplona, northern Spain, yesterday. Many will risk serious injury during the nine-day event by running through the streets with six fighting bulls

Row over deficits tarnishes image of euroland

FROM CHARLES BRENNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Union's "euro zone" was offered a taste of tensions to come yesterday when France and Germany took opposing sides in an argument on government spending that carries wide implications for the health of the single currency.

In another hitch before the currency's launch next January, the 11 euro governments bowed to pressure from vending machine makers and the blind and ordered a change in the design of two coins said to be too similar. This forces France to melt down nine million 10 euro-cent pieces it has already minted.

Germany, ever fearful of a weak currency, sided with the European Commission at the first working session of the Euro-11 council, the currency's new co-ordinating body, after the Brussels executive delivered a sharp warning on the dangers of straying from the path of budgetary rigour.

While Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, insisted on curbing deficits as the priority, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, his French counterpart, said money generated from the current recovery on the Continent should be used to cut taxes. Failure to do so would endanger the recovery, he said.

The discord reflects the contrasting approaches of the two biggest euro states. France's Socialist-led Government wants the priority on promoting growth and jobs, while Germany sees debt-reduction as paramount. Bonn yesterday announced budget plans that would bring the deficit close to zero in 2002.

Co-ordinated budgetary policies among the Euro-11 are deemed vital to the success of the euro because governments will no longer set their own interest rates. A single rate will instead be fixed for all states by the European Central Bank.

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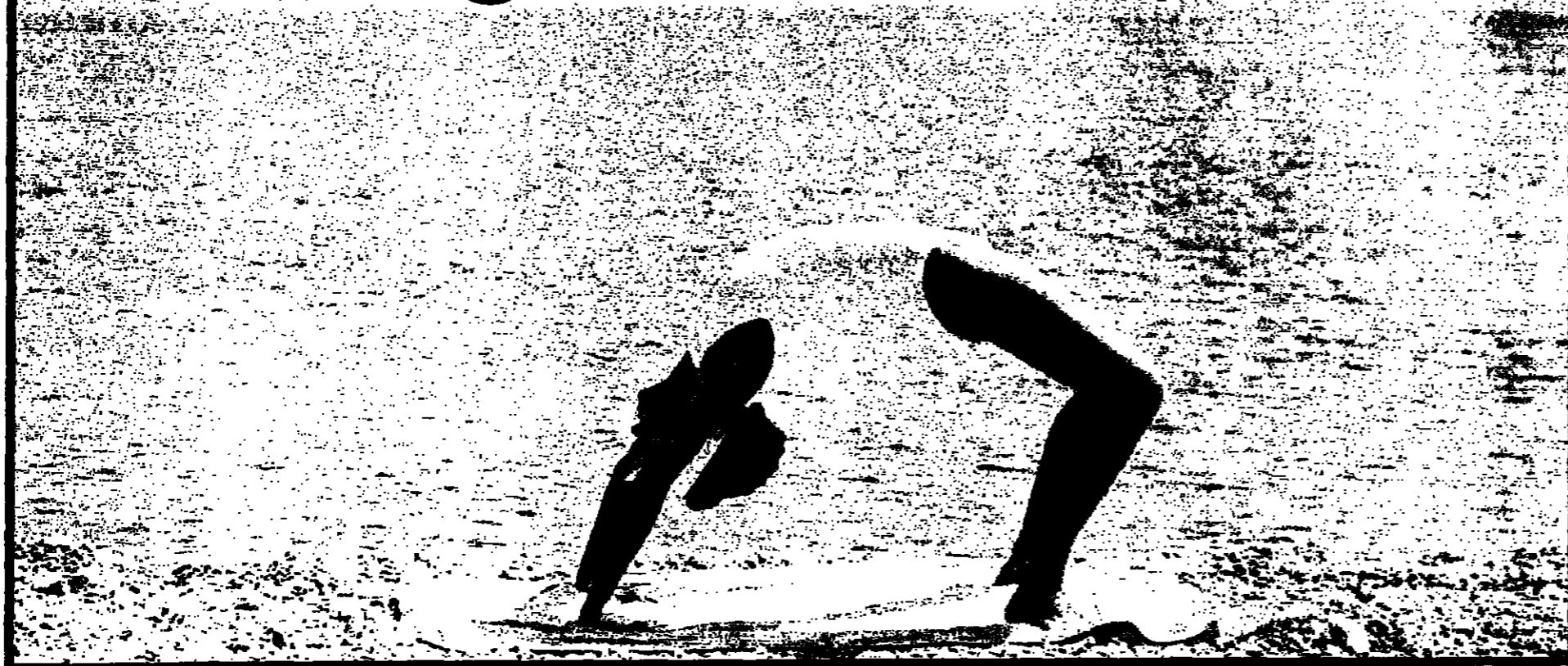
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Yoga for health



The therapeutic qualities of yoga's breathing and relaxation techniques and its gentle stretching routines can help to increase levels of stamina and energy and reduce stress

Eight years ago, Fiona Agombar was a full-time businesswoman with her own public relations agency. Within months, after refusing to slow down to cope with glandular fever, she was in a wheelchair facing a diagnosis of myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME, or viral fatigue syndrome). Today, she spends most of her days at home in Tenterden, Kent, writing in the morning and napping in the afternoon. Mrs Agombar, 40, and her teacher husband, Roy, socialise in the evening only if she has rested completely during the day — she does not have the energy to cope with more than one daily exertion. Yet she is grateful even for this: "I try to look at what I have got, rather than what I haven't got," she says. "At one time, I couldn't even walk across the kitchen floor."

She feels she owes her modest vigour to yoga, which she took up in 1992 after spending three months in hospital. Through the charity Action for ME, she heard about the Yoga for Health Foundation, an organisation that runs residential courses for people with disorders such as cancer, arthritis, ME and asthma, together with more general classes to reduce stress.

"We concentrated on breathing, relaxation, meditation and gentle stretching," Mrs Agombar says. "At first, it made me very tired. But gradually, I felt my energy levels increase. I had better muscle stamina and concentration." Although she cannot return to full-time work, and has decid-

The soothing qualities of an ancient Indian art are helping people with debilitating illnesses to cope with day-to-day life, writes Anjana Ahuja

ed that she doesn't possess the stamina to have a family, she will next year begin training to become a yoga teacher. "I have met people whose lives have changed after doing yoga for six months," she says. "Even doctors are becoming more keen on their patients practising it."

Such effusive endorsement does not surprise Howard Kent, the energetic 79-year-old who founded Yoga for Health more than 20 years ago. He began practising the art, which originated in Hindu scriptures, in his twenties, when he became a supporter of Indian independence. As he threw himself into the cause, he became immersed in the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, a yoga devotee.



Yoga has given ME patient Fiona Agombar more energy

It was, however, very much a pastime while Mr Kent pursued a career in the media. The defining moment came in the Seventies, when he produced an ITV series called *Yoga for Health* and received 30,000 letters. In 1976 he set up a registered charity that held yoga classes, and within a year the charity had raised enough money to take out a 21-year lease on Ickwell Bury Manor, a Lutyns-style, 17-bedroom manor house set in its own grounds, in Biggleswade, Bedfordshire.

Ickwell Bury Manor now plays host to 1,500 visitors a year, half of whom have chronic disabilities. If someone genuinely cannot afford the fee, their costs are topped up by a

bursary fund fed by donations. Mr Kent, who does yoga exercises every day with his wife Evelyn, is also pleased that NHS referrals have begun to trickle in. Not only does this help financially, but it marks a growing belief that the art has therapeutic qualities. The British Medical Association recently described yoga as a complementary self-help therapy, Mr Kent says.

"I am not sure you can call it

a therapy, but it does have therapeutic qualities. It is actually more like a way of life. It gives you physical and mental control over your own body. It has helped me immensely. I am beginning to get mild arthritis now, but I would like to think that my good health so far is more than luck.

"Everyone is born with a naturally very sophisticated immune system which is supposed to rid us of problems. But we live our lives in such a frenetic way that we dampen it and it doesn't have the energy to function fully. Yoga can help to return the balance of the immune system."

Sue Thwaite, 42, took early retirement from the Atomic Energy Authority three years ago because of arthritis, for which she takes daily medication and sometimes painkillers. She also does half an hour of gentle stretching every day — after attending a yoga course she finds that relaxing

tense muscles eases the pain. "I can do it lying in bed or sitting on a chair," she says. "I rotate my shoulders and neck, because they are always very tight and do ankle and wrist rotations."

Even though her specialist says she is doing well, Miss Thwaite has had to swap skiing, rollerskating and horse-riding for reading and cross-stitch. This is where yoga has been most valuable. "I could have become very resentful but yoga has taught me to be content with what I have," she says. Now she teaches yoga for arthritis twice a year for the foundation.

An important aspect of yoga is the emphasis on breathing, which makes it valuable for respiratory disorders. Fay Pedder, 50, has had bronchiectasis since she was a child. The condition, caused by an infection that damages the lung lining, causes her to cough up mucus and lose her breath. Every day she uses three different inhalers, a nebuliser (a machine that delivers a drug as an aerosol through a mouthpiece) and takes steroids. She must also practice "postural drainage" — emptying her lungs of mucus.

She discovered yoga two years ago. "The positions they used seemed to be really good for me. I was getting more air in my lungs and it was better for draining the lungs," she says. The long-term benefits became apparent after six months: "An infection used to take a week to clear up, now it takes two days. I am not producing as much mucus as I used to, and I have more energy. I have even started cutting down my steroids."

Martin Koster, 69, visited the foundation after succumbing to the advanced stages of multiple sclerosis. He was diagnosed 30 years ago, and gave up playing his beloved viola for the London Philhar-

monic Orchestra and the English Chamber Orchestra 15 years ago when his fingers stopped working.

"Then there were six or seven years when I did nothing. My left hand was totally useless. I hadn't even eaten with a fork for six years."

A friend at the Musicians' Benevolent Fund suggested attending an introductory course at Ickwell Bury Manor. Then Mr Koster tried yoga and now, after years of gentle weightlifting exercises for his atrophied fingers, he has his reward. "At first I could move my finger an eighth of an inch, then it was three-eighths and so on. Over several years, it got me going." As he progressed, he took up the fiddle, which is smaller than the viola and easier to hold.

Two years ago his wife Rosemary brought his viola down from the attic. He has played it ever since for an hour each day. "I never dreamt I would play the viola again, and to play it is one of the most wonderful joys in my life," Mr Koster says. "It has almost been like a rebirth for me, because, even though I cannot walk, I feel like I am still living."

But he does not feel yoga has altered the course of his disease. Rather, he says, it has changed his personality and made him more optimistic. "It helps you make the most of what the MS has left you," he says. "But you are not going to go to Ickwell Bury Manor and get up out of your wheelchair."

Mr Kent, however, seems comfortable talking about yoga as a "cure-all". Can yoga really cure serious disorders such as cancer? Mr Kent chooses his words carefully: "It is quite practical for a cure to happen. I am saying that some people will lose their cancer, not that yoga is a cure for cancer. But then again, neither surgeons nor chemotherapists can claim to cure cancer 100 per cent."

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Misery of Potter's curse

Afictional case of the dermatologist, Dennis Potter, and the author John Updike need no introduction to the problems of psoriasis. Nor do one million men, women and children in the United Kingdom whose red, scaly and occasionally itchy skin reminds them that they, too, have psoriasis. However, the other 98.99 per cent whose skins are shed at a normal rate are apparently so unaware of the condition that this week has been designated Psoriasis Awareness Week.

Psoriasis was one of the first of the scaly skin conditions to be described, and is mentioned in the Bible. At that time it was not distinguished from leprosy and until the Middle Ages, patients with psoriasis didn't only feel like lepers, as some do today, but were treated as if they were contagious and untouchable. In fact psoriasis is not infectious. Even the older name for the condition, lepra alphas, encouraged a feeling of isolation in the patients, whereas the term "psoriasis" is derived from the Greek for an itch.

One third of all patients with psoriasis have a close relative who has also suffered from it. This is a chronic condition which rarely disappears entirely, its severity varying during the course of the disease.

In the common form of psoriasis, the red, scaly, thickened patches with well-defined edges can appear anywhere but are very often found on the elbows, shins and knees. Psoriasis also frequently attacks the genital and perianal area. These patients, fearing they have something worse, are probably the only people who are relieved to hear that they have psoriasis. Any flexural area or skin cleft may be affected by psoriasis, particularly if the patient tends to have a rather greasy skin. The nails of patients with it are often stippled and sometimes grossly deformed. The principal complication in Dennis Potter's case was psoriatic arthropathy — about 10 per cent of patients with psoriasis develop arthritis.

Barbers are probably confronted with psoriasis more often than anybody else: the scalp is nearly always affected. Mild scalp psoriasis is frequently mistaken for simple dandruff.

Two important forms of psoriasis are guttate and pustular psoriasis. In guttate psoriasis, multiple small spots spread like a rash over a large body area. Pustular psoriasis usually affects the palms and soles, which are studded with a scattering of small, boil-like spots.

The multiplicity of remedies in the medicine chest of a psoriasis sufferer indicates that none is ideal. Lifestyle changes are important, the house should be well humid-

MEDICINE CHEST

DR THOMAS STUTTFORD

fied, emollients can be applied or added to the bath, and the body protected against minor trauma. Hands can be protected against minor trauma by wearing gloves. Excessive alcohol, possibly any, may make psoriasis worse, smoking doesn't help and nor do beta-blockers, anti-arthritis drugs, lithium and the anti-malarials. Usually sunlight improves psoriasis but in about 20 per cent of cases, it makes it worse.

Low-strength steroid creams may be used for treatment but if they are applied for more than a few weeks at a time, or if potent steroids are applied for more than seven days, tolerance may develop. When the steroids are discontinued, a rebound effect may cause the disease to return with a vengeance. Locally applied steroids may thin the skin.

Diathranol is a traditional remedy frequently mixed with Lassar's Paste. It stains both skin and clothing and patients are reluctant to use it when at home. Proprietary skin creams containing diathranol, which can be applied and washed off after one hour, are much more acceptable. Preparations of coal tar pastes are effective but messy. Vitamin D analogues such as Dovonex calcipotriol and Curatoderm taccalcitol are popular remedies, and don't carry the risk of steroid side-effects. They are also less smelly and unpleasant to use than tar derivatives. Retinoid creams such as Zorac tazarotene have recently been introduced to treat mild to moderate psoriasis.

In hospital medicine, ultraviolet light, including the use of PUVA, in which the skin is first sensitised by taking a tablet of Psoralen, is effective but it also sensitises the skin to possible malignant change.

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Nothing to hide in the park: All Saints' Melanie Blatt

The bump: to show or not to show

The relentless logic of style now dictates that the latest accessory is a moppet in utero, says Jane Shilling

It is a pity that the Prince of Wales's pet subject is architecture, not anthropology (which he studied at Cambridge). In the course of a day's work he has more opportunity to observe the oddities of human behaviour — and in particular the eccentricities of personal adornment practised by his fellow creatures — than almost anyone else in the world. Guardsmen in scarlet and gold, wearing most of a dead animal on their heads; jungle tribesmen clad only in gourds.

And here he is again, photographed at the Hyde Park concert in aid of The Prince's Trust, clad in his own unvarying tribal rig — double-breasted suit, tightly knotted tie and quizzical expression — with a diminutive pop star, Melanie Blatt of All Saints, wedged tightly under his left armpit. Ms Blatt is dressed as you would expect of a pop diva:

cropped top, pants at half mast, vast expanse of golden midriff, audacious tummy above the left hip of something scaly and menacing. The only unexpected thing about the whole ensemble is the midriff; not the concave, hand-muscle affair savoured by her peers but a convex protruberance, the size and shape of a football and growing fast. The midriff, in fact, of a woman five months pregnant. It is part of what you might call a burgeoning trend.

The Prince will doubtless recall from the gestations of his own two sons that an Englishwoman's instant reaction, when faced with an area of expansion in her middle, used to be to cover it at once in voluminous acres of dainty florals, with a riot of ruffles and bows and frilly detailing at neck and hemline, placed there in the forlorn hope that they would distract the eye from the shameless thickening of the waistband.

Peculiar and pointless exercise though this may have been — if Diana, Princess of Wales, looked throughout both pregnancies as though she had absent-mindedly popped out in her negligee, imagine what figures the rest of the pregnant population cut, without the help of Catherine Walker to run up our maternity wardrobes — it at least signalled one rather comforting fringe benefit of pregnancy. Until recently, for nine

elicits a shockingly mixed brew of emotions, as Tina Gaudoin, the former Editor of *Frank* magazine, discovered when she published a series of pictures in which high fashion clothes — revealing, waif-like slip dresses, tiny diaphanous tops, clingy stretch skirts — were shown on a trio of models who'd looked as though they'd dropped in en route to the labour ward. "Offensive, grotesque," squealed the readers. "Incredibly beautiful. Get used to it," retorted Gaudoin. And so, it appears, we have. When the Establishment, in the person of the Prince of Wales, appears imperturbably snuggled up to the pretty, bare, five-month pregnant tummy of a woman he has only just met, it is time for the style police to move us all on. Anyone care to bet on the next big thing? What are the odds on designer nappies?

Can the stiff upper lip survive?

British Airways hostesses are to be less reserved. Is this truly cricket, asks Jason Cowley?

Not content with removing the Union Flag from the tail-fins of many of its aircraft, British Airways has taken another swipe at the mores of old Britain. Its cabin crews are to be less reserved, it has announced, to be less... well, "British". Foreign passengers, according to the airline, regularly complain of the aloofness of the cabin crews, of their distance and formality, of their haughtiness even. As a result, more than 15,000 mainly female staff are to be dispatched on courses to learn how to become more tac-



Goodbye to all that? Tea and comfort, the traditional phlegmatic British answer to any crisis or mishap, is being eschewed now in favour of the more emotional response

English language is full of phrases attesting to our sense of reserve and decorum — stiff upper lip, fair play, it's not cricket. And the response to a crisis, in this mythology, is to go away and have a nice cup of tea.

At the beginning of the Book of Common Prayer, there is this sentence: "It hath been the wisdom of the Church of England to keep the mean between two extremes." What all this adds up to is moderation, moderation, moderation.

Yet a new informality, though largely welcome, ought not to become a rallying cry. Many British people genuinely value the reserve of their countrymen; indeed have no wish for their country to become a little America, a land addicted to confession and ostentatious self-revelation: a country ill at ease with itself.

So if a national airline is a kind of mirror into which a country sees its national characteristics reflected, what do BA's latest antics tell us about contemporary British society? Well, not much, if you listen to British Airways spokesman Jamie Bowden. "As a sense of reserve is part of the British character, so is a sense of humour," he says. "These courses, which are part of developing our new corporate identity, are not about swapping a

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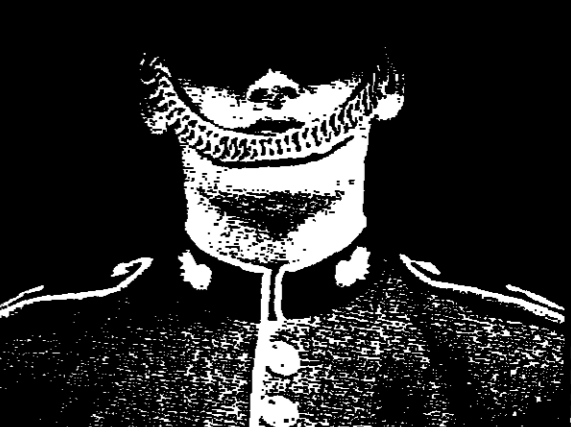
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ish Airways is symptomatic of a wider trend: as a nation, we are palpably losing confidence in old modes of behaviour, in Victorian decorum and affectations of imperturbability. "Encouraging your cabin crew to be more informal is, in many ways, a subtle form of control," says Dr Tony Walter, reader in sociology at the University of Reading. "If you want to keep your plane in the air you don't want passengers getting unsettled by aloof behaviour. You want order and calm. Being a hostess is what sociologists call a form of emotional labour: you use your intuitive understanding of emotions and situations to keep passengers calm and controlled — the same kind of techniques are used in hospitals."

But change is in the air. If the hysteria of mourning that followed the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, demonstrated anything, it was that the age of reserve, so exalted by older generations, has gone, replaced by a new emotionalism. "We live in a period of social and emotional volatility, characterised by the apparent erosion of deference and hierarchy and by outbreaks of spontaneous collective embrace, as witnessed in the campaign run by the supporters of Lou-

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Chagall's passion for Bella Rosenfeld was symbolised in his "lovers" series, painted in oils between 1914 and 1917: *Lovers in Pink*, *Lovers in Blue* (both from a St Petersburg private collection); *Lovers in Green* (Pompidou Centre, Paris)

Chagall's hidden glory

GALLERIES: Richard Cork welcomes a revelatory Royal Academy show devoted to the Russian master

By 1937 destruction could easily have overtaken Chagall's painted decorations for the Yiddish Theatre in Moscow. Stalin's disapproval of avant-garde art had hardened into violent hatred, and the Soviet Union's Jewish population was justified in fearing for its cultural survival. The anxious theatre staff decided on emergency action. They rolled up Chagall's canvases and hid them under the stage. Half a century would pass before anyone dared to display the paintings again. In 1949, the Jewish Theatre was finally dissolved, the victim of rampant anti-Semitism. Chagall's decorations were transferred for safekeeping to the Tretyakov Museum store-room. Here their existence was kept secret, and they have re-emerged only recently. Now, cleaned and restored, the paintings have been lent to the Royal Academy. Britain has its first chance to see the great decorative cycle which

formed the climax of Chagall's career in his native country. Before we reach them, though, the exhibition takes us back to the summer of 1914. Oblivious of the imminent war, the 27-year-old artist travelled from Berlin to visit his family in Vitebsk. He had spent his childhood there, and returned now as a star of avant-garde art in Europe. Provincial Vitebsk, where his Yiddish-speaking parents belonged to a settlement of Hassidic Jews, made the cosmopolitan Chagall restless. He planned to stay there for less than three months. But the sudden onset of war frustrated his ambitions. But lingering in Vitebsk enabled him to renew his love for Bella Rosenfeld, the striking, dark-haired fiancée he had left four years earlier. Moscow-educated, Bella was

the daughter of middle-class merchants, wealthier than Chagall's parents. In his autobiography, he rhapsodised about "her pale face, her eyes. They are my eyes, my soul." In July 1915, Bella finally married the man she had first met in 1909. Her knowledge of art, theatre and poetry ran parallel to Chagall's enthusiasms, and on their honeymoon he executed a lyrical painting called *The Poet Reclining*. Chagall looks at peace in a rural haven dominated by a flaring puce sky. And the other pictures in the room locate the source of his newfound contentment. Few artists have ever painted such a rapturous celebration of their love. In a sequence of small, quietly ecstatic oils, Chagall presents his relationship with all the intimate drama of a film director. They

become "the lovers", and their intertwined bodies testify to a union where physical and spiritual passion seem ideally matched. They both appear utterly absorbed in one another, as the prevailing hue of the pictures changes from pink to green and grey. As the war intensified, the threat of military conscription was averted only when Bella's brother obtained an undemanding job for Chagall in Petrograd. He was able to move there with his wife and baby daughter, rejoicing in a city where innovative exhibitions were still held. But he shied away from abstraction. Conscious at all times of his Jewish heritage, Chagall wanted to anchor his art in Hassidic culture. Hence the quirky combination of fantasy and naturalism in *Over Vitebsk*, where the silhouette of the eternal *Wandering Jew* floats over the rooftops of a winter town made magical by splintered, diagonally simplified shafts of snow. Chagall was captivated by the notion of defying gravity. In his largest and most exuberant tributes to his love for Bella, the sky becomes more of a natural home for them than the terrain below. In *Over the Town*, Bella's outflung arm seems to propel the airborne pair as they soar, with bodies interlocked, above the houses, trees and fences. In 1918 Chagall was appointed Commissar for Arts in his home town. The October Revolution had overturned his country, and he oversaw the production of jubilant Bolshevik banners to festoon the streets. But he was not an instinctive propagandist, and he was far happier when the chance arose in 1920 to paint murals for the new State Jewish Theatre in Moscow.

Encouraged by Lenin's recent bestowal of full citizenship on oppressed minorities in Russia, Chagall decided to laud the advent of a Yiddish Theatre in the grandest manner he could muster. Loosely arranged at the RA within a space similar in size to their original setting, the canvases have a festive air. A large, bleached painting called *Love on the Stage* offers the greatest surprise, with its willingness to explore a purged language of near-abstract forms. But the spectral limbs of dancers performing classical ballet can soon be detected here. Far more identifiably Jewish are the four tall pictures originally installed between windows. Chagall bathes the space in all four pictures to a shallow stage, so that the figure embodying Drama seems to collide with the toppling orange chair behind him. The most headlong surge is, however, reserved for the astonishing, panoramic canvas on the opposite wall. As wide as an oriental scroll-

painting, and as uninhibited as a billboard, this extraordinary achievement combines epic pictorial ambition with disarming informality. Chagall includes a humorous self-portrait, carried like a trophy by the theatre's monolithic artistic director. Brandishing a palette, he is offered as a rebellious "saviour" to the eyesless stage director. Chagall warned to infuse traditional Yiddish theatre with unpredictable vivacity. And the rest of the canvas, where a headless violinist plays while acrobats perform handstands in Elizabethan costume, swarms with fairytale characters from the artist's feverish imagination. Jewish culture may have been obliterated by Stalinist purges, but these miraculous survivals still testify to its jaunty, irrepressible vigour. Chagall: *Love and the Stage at the Royal Academy* (0171-300 8000) until Oct 4

HOME is where the art is—at least according to Sensitivity, the new exhibition at the Accademia Italiana's sister organisation, the European Academy for the Arts. The title is intended as a riposte to last year's *Sensation* at the Royal Academy: where that stressed the combative nature of much modern British art, this wants us to believe that the new art of the countries carved from the former Austro-Hungarian Empire is primarily concerned with hearth and home. There are paintings and installations and light and video shows. Among the most impressive is Braco Dimitrijevic's *Citizens of Sarajevo*, which assembles photographs of five composers, none of whom actually came from Sarajevo, and separates them with axes sunk deep into the wall, while beans are scattered at the base. Among others that stay in the memory are the Slovenian Marjetica Potrč's pillared house built out of bricks and the Hungarian Laszlo Mulasics's diptych *Hunting*. *European Academy for the Arts*, 8 Grosvenor Place, SW1

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CONFUSION about an artist's nationality can be an extraordinarily disruptive factor in the establishing of a reputation. Take Lyonel Feininger. He had a German name, came of German stock, reached maturity in Germany and left Germany for America and the Nazis took over. But by a strange quirk of fate he was born and brought up in New York. In Germany he was regarded as a foreigner and interned as an enemy alien in 1917, but in America he was seen as a German. He was also a square peg in a round hole. Though he taught at the Bauhaus, he was no avant-gardist: the early works in the show at Marlborough Fine Art are quite Art Nouveau, and the later formalised landscapes are Deco rather than exploring the boundaries of Abstraction.

At least his brilliance is totally distinctive and unmistakable. *Marlborough Fine Art*, 6 Albemarle Street, W1 (0171-639 5161) Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, until August 28

IF Antoine Guillemet (1841-1918) is remembered at all in Britain, it is through the advocacy of John Mitchell. The present show commemorates nearly 20 years of the firm's involvement. Guillemet was a fringe figure of Impressionism. He was friendly with everyone in it without being an Impressionist himself. For many, his claim to fame was introducing the difficult Cézanne into the official salon. His own paintings are landscapes, sensitive and accomplished. His success in his lifetime and obscurity afterwards depended on his artistic conservatism. Today he can be appreciated for himself. *John Mitchell and Son*, 100 New Bond Street, W1 (0171-993 7567) Mon-Sat 9.30am-5.30pm, until Saturday

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the sonata repertory, seemingly designed for acoustics more spacious than drawing-rooms. Among several recordings on the early piano Ronald Brautigam's is by far the most successful (BIS CD 835-840, 6 CDs, £44.99). On the modern instrument, Daniel Barenboim, at budget price, is particularly strong for his overview of the biggest and most far-reaching pieces (EMI CZS 7 67294-2, through EMI's Special Import Service 5 CDs, £31.99). Mitsuko Uchida is not the equal of him in that respect, but her award-winning set from ten years ago, now at mid-price, has more consistent finesse (Philips 422 517-2 5 CDs, £44.99). But she yields the palm to the more recent recording by Maria Joao Pires (DG 431 760-2 6 CDs, £76.99), who achieves small miracles of imagination and spontaneity and reminds us of the truth of Edwin Fischer's words — "Mozart is not sweetness or artistry. Mozart is the touchstone of the heart".

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How Derek squared the Circle of 17

Michael Gove says the Del Boy of Labour is his masters' voice

To fall like Lucifer, one must first be beloved of the Almighty. Derek Draper was Mandelson's "Muttley". Mr Blair's beamish boy. He even makes an appearance in the New Labour Testament. On page 111 of *The Blair Revolution* the authors, Peter Mandelson and Roger Liddle, describe what they call "Divided Britain". Old ties of solidarity have been dissolved by 18 years of devil-takes-the-hindmost individualism. They focus on an "imagined character", called "Derek", who has grown distant from his roots and is "... based on the opinions expressed by real people in conversation with the authors".

"The economic forces and personal preferences which cause go-ahead people like Derek to leave the inner city behind," they write, "also aggravate the tendency to sink estates, failing schools, hostile ghettos and crime-ridden streets."

For go-ahead Derek Draper, to whom, the book's introduction records, "both of us owe a special debt". Mr Mandelson's and Mr Liddle's words now have a haunting quality. The Manchester boy, who rose to become Mr Mandelson's fixer and Mr Liddle's partner, now finds himself locked out of a Millbank ghetto which has turned all too hostile. *The Observer's* allegations of insider-dealing in political influence threaten to derail the lobbyists' gravy train.

Draper has the charm of a Stan Barstow here

As Roger Liddle put it, in dialogue that would not have been out of place in *The Godfather*, "There is a Circle and Derek is part of the Circle. And anyone who says he isn't is an Enemy." Although no member of the Circle, and certainly an enemy of anyone who claims to act for "The People", I take no pleasure from the stitching-up of Mr Draper. He has a brash charm, achutzpah, that recalls a John Braine or Stan Barstow here, a northern card anxious to find *Room at the Top*. After an overdose of earnestness from some policy wonks it was refreshing to take a champagne antidote with Draper. Although his hinterland is more Soho than Bloomsbury, he added colour to the Left.

There have always been such figures around Westminster, young men in a hurry whose most visible political belief is in themselves. But Mr Draper's story tells us something very particular about politics now. The Del Boy of New Labour personified two trends of our times: the professionalisation of politics and the sheer, self-hugging, exclusivity of Blair's praetorian guard.

The first trend has been automatised by my colleague Peter Riddell in his book *Honest Opportunism*. Any re-issue might drop the adjective, but the analysis is spot-on. The increasing reach, and complexity, of government, allied to the growing specialisation of professional life, the sophistication of modern communications and the money politics demands, has led to the emer-

gence of a new class. The gentlemen in politics have been replaced by players.

First, young men and women leave university with a politics or economics degree. They then join a minister or opposition spokesman as adviser. Next, they trade on their expertise and contacts to make money as a consultant, lobbyist, or journalist. Then "The Circle", as it were, completes itself when they go into the Commons with a future bank balance and a knowledge of the government machine.

It was the path trod by Peter Mandelson, the former Shadow Cabinet adviser turned journalist turned spin-doctor turned image consultant turned MP. It was a similar path for Gordon Brown. And for Derek Draper, the economics graduate and side who moved on to lobbying and punditry, the same street paved with gold seemed to stretch ahead.

The Conservatives, and even Liberal Democrats, have their own cadres of political professionals. But there is something particularly elitist about the Labour lot, the "17 people who count".

The creation of new Labour has been the work of what Harold Wilson once called "a tightly-knit group of politically motivated men". From Mr Mandelson's promotion of a few "beautiful people" to the audacious bouncing of the party into the revision of Clause Four, a vanguard has been responsible for a transformation which is more than a makeover.

But, although "the project" delivered a landslide majority, it also has the potential to end in disillusion. The impression that new Labour is more about back-scratching than burden-sharing could blight this administration's good intentions. Mr Mandelson's social exclusion unit is launched this week; but social exclusion is rapidly coming to mean not poverty, but missing out on lobby firm GPC's champagne reception.

Just last week, one of Labour's brightest young MPs was reflecting on the mistakes of Mr Blair's first year. "The problem with Cool Britannia," he argued, "is that it was a party which our people weren't invited."

What will those people think of the loose-tongued Roger Liddle ("it was a champagne party and I had had several glasses of champagne"? How will it look to the inhabitants of what he called *Divided Britain*, who put him into office, when he tells businessmen "Whenever you are ready, just tell me what you want, who you want to meet, and I will make the call for you"?

Who takes the call when parents cannot get their children into the school they want and patients despair of getting off a waiting list? But then, Mr Liddle is already working on "the economic forces and personal preferences... which aggravate the tendency to sink estates and failing schools." Another glass, Derek?



Christ dies in Drumcree

A couple of weeks ago we were sailing from harbour to harbour down the rugged and beautiful coast of Northern Ireland, from Fair Head down to Larne, from Belfast Lough to Ardglass; the hills of Antrim glowed and the Mountains of Mourne swept down to the sea in splendour. The sun shone, the wind was fair, and in the harbours people were witty and busy and prosperous and unemphatically friendly. What Troubles? What politics? In those quiet places we saw more European Union flags than political posters.

Real Protestants or Catholics would be praying for peace, not burning churches

angry enclaves and bitter hearts which poison this lovely place, nothing has changed. Churches are torched, the big Lamebeg drum beats No Surrender, wire and trenches keep the massed bowler hats out of the Garvaghy Road and the rest of the world — chiefly the hopeful normal masses who had voted for peace — clutch their heads in despair. It would not have taken more than fifteen minutes for the Orangemen to walk down the Garvaghy Road; but one side would not consider refraining from doing it, and the other side would not consider shuffling and letting them pass. No surrender! Compromise is cowardice!

Libby Purves

Sometimes, overdone on Radio 4 news, we whined away slow drifting passages by talking in the language of Harry Enfield's Mr Ulsterman. One party might say: "Wind's gone northwest. Slack off the jib-sheet a bit, could you?" whereon the other would begin, using the jerky, robotic, contentious tones we all know and hate: "I am not denying — that the conditions are in place for the eventual slackening of this sheet — we have said — and Mr Trimble is aware of this — that we are committed to certain adjustments of this rope. We took the initiative in this. But my people are entitled to ask certain questions about this wind. Where is the evidence of its commitment to stay in the north-west?"

Protestants with bowler hats. Any child in primary school RE can grasp the difference between show and substance, and see that it would not be a Christian act, for example, to remain rapt on your knees during the solemnest consecration while someone outside the church was screaming for help.

Ritual and memorialism and the cultivation of a cultural religious identity are worth bothering with only if they reinforce a central core of blazing charity. Charity, that is, in the biblical sense: the "greatest of these", the virtue which "suffereth long and is kind; enrieth not; vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up; Charity doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil..."

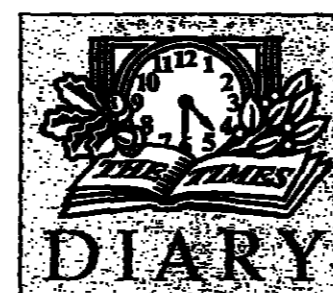
It is not so. So let us leave religion out of this, since religion is so useless to transform it. Let us speak only of nationalist and loyalist, political labels for crass human rivalries. And let churchmen have the bottle to inform their pig-headed congregations that "love thy neighbour as thyself" was never negotiable, and that without it the rest is wind.

Musical chairs

IN AN act of spite worthy of Scarpia in *Tosca*, the Royal Opera House has axed the complimentary box reserved for the head of the Arts Council. The decision by Sir Colin Southgate, Covent Garden's chairman, and his colleagues to bring down the curtain on the perk enjoyed by Lord Gornie, the former head of the Council, is the latest round in a bitter feud between the two institutions. When the House reopens, Gerry Robinson, the present Council chairman, will have to entertain his guests in the lowly seats retained by Granada Group, his company.

was the Council. Hardly the gratitude you might expect after the Council handed over £15 million to the House last year.

• CAN Jon Snow really have attained the superstardom of the Prince of Wales and David Duchovny? The earnest presenter of Channel 4 News, trailing behind the two at Sunday's Party in the Park, was mobbed almost enthusiastically by pre-teen autograph-hunters. "I've obviously arrived," he said, before adding self-deprecatingly: "I am sure they have no idea who I am."



• IS CHERIE BOOTH having a dip at the male lawyers in her life? As guest columnist in *The Lawyer*, the dry magazine, the PM's missus bemoans the profession's "old-fashioned and work-centred definition of success", which she attributes to its domination by men.

Word play

SIGMUND FREUD would have appreciated Ronald Dworkin's method of overcoming his difficulties with modern technology. Joining the launch of the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* in the Orangery in Holland Park, the Oxford Professor of Jurisprudence struggled to get to grips with the CD-Rom version until he thought about trying out the search engine using random thoughts. "The word which popped into my mind, unbidden, was 'erotic';" confessed Dworkin. "I typed 'erotic' into the search engine and lo and behold, what a dictionary, what a document, 33 distinct essays on the erotic."

• DIANE ABBOTT has an ingenious idea about how to obtain the telegrams from Sierra Leone that Robin Cook refuses to hand over to the Foreign Affairs Select Committee looking into the arms-to-Africa affair. "I shall ask Derek Draper for them," she suggests. "He app-



KRISTIN SCOTT THOMAS has personally assured Tina Brown (left) that her sharp character in *The Horse Whisperer* is not based on *The New Yorker* Editor. The graceful actress (right) plays Annie, a stressed-out, short-haired English magazine executive in Robert Redford's latest flick and is annoyed that people have been saying she was miming. "I called Tina up," she tells this month's *Harpers & Queen*. "I said, 'Look, everyone's saying that I based the character on you. I didn't. Please don't be upset or disappointed or whatever.'"

Worth a stab

DR ERNEST NICHOLSON, the Provost of Oriol College Oxford, has challenged the Mayor of Bath to a duel. The Sword of Bladud, a 6ft-long weapon said to have belonged to the 15th-century Prince

Britannia returns to the waves

The Forces' future is global, Lawrence

Freedman predicts

Tomorrow George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, will unveil his Strategic Defence Review, the product of more than a year of consultations, deliberations and bargaining. It will be scrutinised for signs that the Treasury has scored a victory against the Ministry of Defence, reflecting the current greater interest in Gordon Brown's power in the Government than Britain's power in the world.

It appears that the cuts will be modest, and largely the result of one-off asset sales or promises of greater efficiency in equipment procurement and the management of stores. The critical issues raised by the review turn on its relevance for Britain's global position. Unlike previous reviews, it was not driven by some actual or pending financial crunch, nor does it concentrate on the centre of Europe at the expense of a wider international engagement.

During the Cold War a Nato-Warsaw Pact confrontation had to be deterred because it could not be sensibly fought. Since forces were preparing for a war that nobody expected to wage (or else assumed would immediately "go nuclear") there was always scope for another Treasury raid on the defence budget. The Armed Forces could expect to continue in the glorious British traditions of relying on courage and a capacity for improvisation to compensate for small numbers, vintage equipment and inadequate stores.

When the Cold War ended the first reaction was that forces could be "smaller but better". The peace dividend was taken, and spending was cut significantly, yet in other respects policy remained remarkably constant. The focus was still on Europe and a possible Russian threat, except that even if an authoritarian and aggressive regime emerged in Moscow, it would be many years before it could regain its menace. The new strategy supposed early warning, and plenty of time to build up forces. The Gulf War showed that there might be new threats in the post-Cold War world. But Desert Storm involved exactly the sort of forces — armed divisions and air power — that had been prepared to deal with the Warsaw Pact.

Since then British forces have stayed engaged in the Gulf, taken on demanding tasks in the Balkans and participated in sundry other United Nations-sponsored operations around the world. Meanwhile, the idea of a reconstituted Russian threat seems more remote than ever.

The defence of the realm is now very difficult. Britain is unusually secure, even among its allies, far away from most troublespots and with no need to worry about balancing a dominant power in Europe. If Northern Ireland develops positively, the main concerns will be knock-on effects from distant conflicts — economic dislocation, ecological calamities, humanitarian distress, organised crime and terrorism.

The foreign policy question posed by this situation goes to the heart of Britain's international role and identity. The easy part flows from the assumption that the risk of a traditional military threat is low and so the insurance premium can be correspondingly reduced. This can be reflected in fewer combat aircraft, frigates and nuclear warheads. The most difficult part is accepting that, despite its privileged geographical position and limited resources, Britain must improve its ability to operate overseas. Forces must be geared to active operations rather than passive deterrence. This requires a capacity to move units to where they will be needed, proper training, adequate stocks, extra troops and reserves able to provide specialist capabilities rather than just make up numbers. The most significant indication of this shift in focus is the consensus behind the need for new, large aircraft carriers.

Given the Government's strong stance on Iraq and Kosovo, and the internationalist inclination of public opinion, this posture need not be that surprising. It fits in with contemporary views of globalisation, whereby instability in one part of the world soon affects others. No new military commitments are being taken on. Interventionist options are being extended, though their utilisation will depend on circumstances and the views of allies, in particular those of France and America. Only in exceptional circumstances will it be possible to operate unilaterally.

The success of deterrence during the Cold War could be readily judged. If nothing happened, the policy could be assumed to be working. The success of the new policy will be far harder to judge. If nothing happens, it will soon be argued that the Government is making provisions for which there is no call. A similar view may be taken if contingencies regularly arise but precedence and politics argue against intervention. The policy will also be questioned if interventions turn out to be hazardous and ineffectual. A substantial military establishment can be justified only if it is kept busy at low risk to good purpose.

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To mark the 43rd Anniversary of the death of Mr Calouste Sarkis Gulbenkian, a memorial service will be held at the Armenian Church of St Sarkis, Iwerka Gardens, London W8, on Sunday, July 12, at noon, after the Celebration of the Divine Liturgy which will commence at 11.00am.



A bustling Thames by the Royal Naval College depicted in an oil painting by Canaletto (1697-1768)

Navy takes its leave of Greenwich

Marcus Binney reports on the handover of the Royal Naval College. The historic former home of the Royal Naval College at Greenwich finally passed out of the Navy's control yesterday after four years of fierce controversy over its future.

Luncheons

Corporation of London
To mark the visit to the City of London of the President of Singapore and Mrs Ong Teng Cheong, the Corporation of London will host the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at the Mansion House.

RHS Hampton Court flower show

Theatre with mass appeal

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent. There are two distinct aspects to the Royal Horticultural Society's Hampton Court Palace flower show: the theatrical exhibits with mass appeal, and the formal displays for plant enthusiasts.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.J.C. Barrett and Miss M. Pandey
The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Major and Mrs John Barrett, of Stock Gylford, Dorset, and Malvika, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ramesh Pandey, of Bombay, and Hong Kong. The marriage will take place in Hong Kong on December 1.

Memorial service

Piper Alpha
The Lord Provost of the City of Aberdeen read a lesson at a memorial service held yesterday in the Kirk of St Nicholas, Union Street, Aberdeen, to mark the tenth anniversary of the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster.

Reception

Anglo-Spanish Society
The Spanish Ambassador, President of the Anglo-Spanish Society, welcomed the guests at a reception held yesterday at the Spanish Embassy to mark the 40th anniversary of the society.

Dinners

HM Government
Mr George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a working dinner, given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lancaster House, of the Defence Ministers of France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Sweden.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Mr Richard Lay, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, delivered his inaugural address to the institute yesterday at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London SW1.

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WEATHERS - Jeremy, on Sunday July 5th peacefully at home, aged 62.

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Imperative still weighs with MPC to show restraint on again raising interest rates

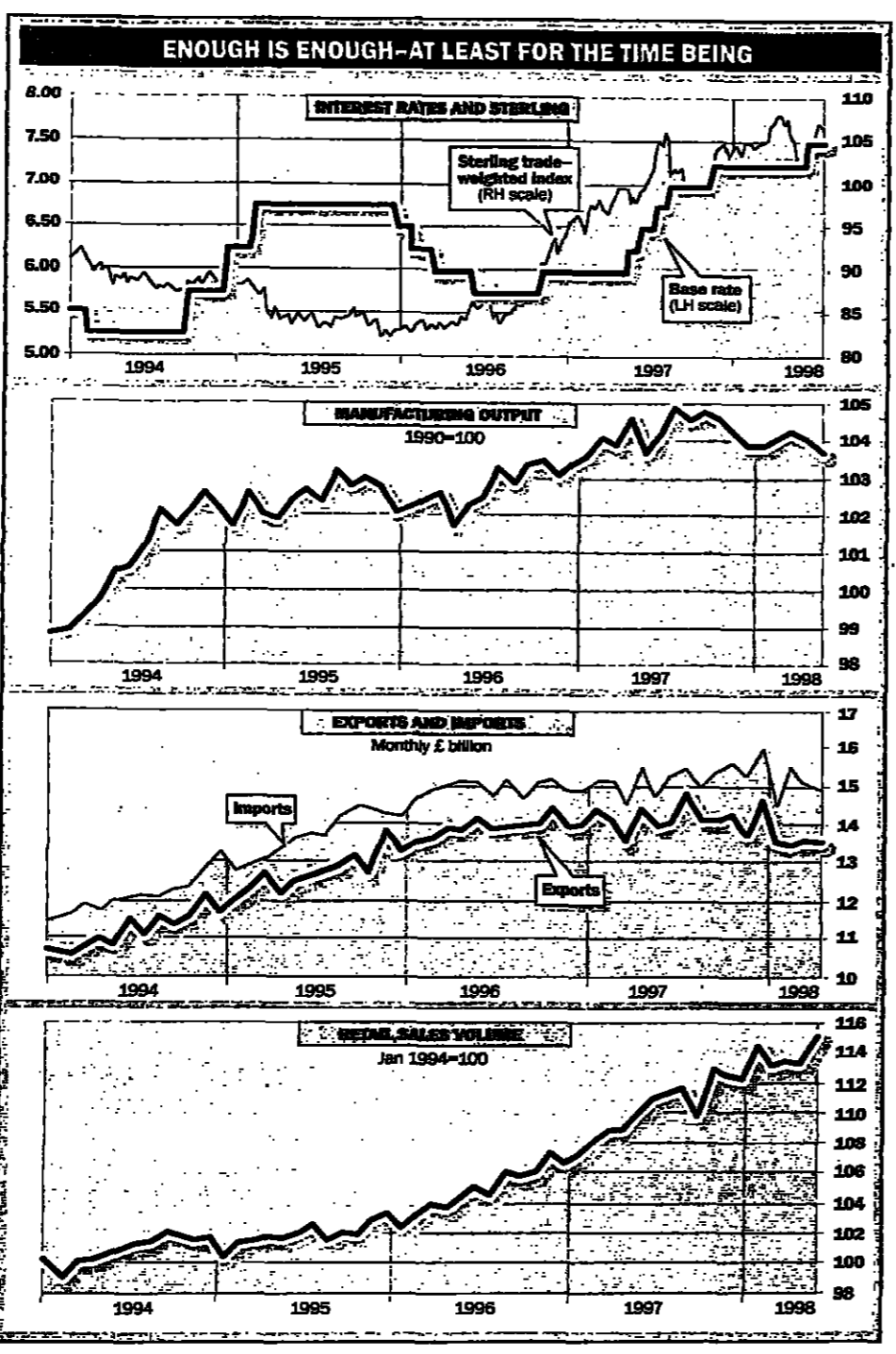
Last week I said in this space that there would be no recession in Britain for at least the next year or two. One of the items of evidence cited for this conclusion was overturned dramatically yesterday. Manufacturing output, which, according to the official statistics, had risen for three consecutive months despite the protestations to the contrary from Britain's industrialists, was yesterday revised sharply downwards.

A single figure or data revision is of limited consequence in assessing the economic outlook and, in any case, there was never any doubt that Britain's manufacturing sector was in a precarious state. Nevertheless, it seems worth repeating the question posed last week. Is it reasonable to remain confident about avoiding a recession, despite the new evidence of a slowdown that is coming in almost daily, the striking declines in consumer confidence and the almost uniformly gloomy tenor of media economic coverage and of many businessmen's views?

My answer is still an emphatic, but increasingly conditional, "yes". The business community and the media headline-writers are usually wrong when it comes to forecasting economic turning points. Stepping back from the media hype and the lobbyists' exaggerations, one sees very little objective evidence to suggest that Britain will fall into recession, as long as one key proviso is fulfilled: the Bank of England must refrain from raising interest rates again in the next few months.

With the Monetary Policy Committee due to vote on Thursday and with a majority of City analysts apparently expecting another rate rise, according to the market surveys, this condition needs to be strongly emphasised.

To say that the members of the MPC must exercise some self-control this week is not to imply that the Bank was wrong to raise interest rates to 7.5 per cent last month — or to assert that 7.5 per cent will necessarily prove the peak of the present cycle. Last month, the MPC was absolutely right to raise interest rates. Wages and unit costs were accelerating rapidly. Sterling was teetering on the brink of a sharp fall. Industrialists, investors and wage bargainers were very close to concluding that central bank independence, Britain's new panacea against inflation, was about to prove as unreliable as all the previous economic fads.



What many commentators seem to have missed is that all the arguments which pointed to a monetary tightening last month have been negated, at least for the time being.

The last earnings figures showed a modest acceleration in the annual rate of increase in the private sector, from 5.6 per cent in February to 5.9 per cent in May. But this was due to changes in last year's base and to the ONS averaging techniques. If you look at the latest two months in isolation, earnings actually declined by 0.3 per cent between March and April. More importantly, the members of the MPC are good enough economists to realise that the impact on wages of their monetary tightening will not be apparent for many months. Having squeezed the economy a bit harder last month, they must now wait patiently to see the effects, at least as far as the labour market is concerned.

The foreign exchange argument for raising interest rates, which may well have been the clincher last month, has also disappeared, at least for the time being. When, just before last month's rate rise, the pound was at DM2.86 and falling rapidly there was growing — and justified — concern about the start of a traditionally British vicious circle of currency depreciation, inflation and delayed monetary overkill. Fortunately for the Bank (and for Britain) last month's move seemed to preempt this process.

With the pound now near DM3, the market risks are again biased in the opposite direction. The main danger is that a rate rise would send sterling into the stratosphere, and deliver a further crippling blow to the manufacturing sector.

The Bank might, however, have to revise this view at short notice and move back into hawkish mode if the pound were again to threaten a free fall.

Perhaps the most important change in conditions since the rate increase last month has been in consumer and business confidence. The Bank was arguably mistaken to delay its rate rise as long as it did. But this delay has turned out to have a silver lining. By

cent interest rates, combined with a pound worth DM3, may not be as great as many businessmen suspect. If this turns out to be true, then the Bank will always have the option of tightening monetary policy again. But it would be both dangerous and unnecessary for the MPC to move precipitately this month on the mere supposition that confidence and output will quickly bounce back.

All this leaves just one plausible argument for a further monetary tightening this month. One event has occurred since the last monetary meeting which may seem disturbing to the MPC. This was Gordon Brown's statement on public finances, which said that the Government would increase public spending by 2.7 per cent in real terms each year between now and the end of the parliament. By contrast, the Bank had assumed in the forecasts it published in its last Inflation Report that public spending would be kept to the "central projection" laid out by the Treasury in the March Budget. This central case allowed for annual public spending growth of only 1.5 per cent.

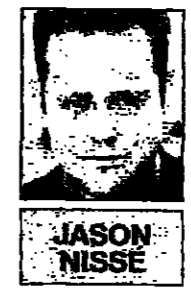
In revising its forecasts, the Bank is unlikely to be impressed by Mr Brown's rather casuistic distinctions between current and capital spending; nor by any suggestions that asset sales will have a different impact on aggregate demand than ordinary public borrowing; nor by his more justifiable claim that the a period of faster growth in public spending is inevitable after the extremely tight squeeze of the past two years.

Notwithstanding all these arguments, the fact is that total public spending in 1999/2000 will now come to 40.3 per cent of GDP, instead of the 39.5 per cent in the central projection of the March Budget — and gross public sector borrowing will also be somewhat higher than the Bank had expected, although detailed comparisons have been rendered impossible by the alphabet soup of new definitions invented by the Treasury last month.

If this modest fiscal relaxation stimulates the economy and accelerates growth, the Bank may well feel justified, in terms of its narrow anti-inflation ambitions, in raising interest rates beyond 7.5 per cent. Such action, however, would only be justified if and when there were clear signs that the prospect of an easier fiscal policy was in fact producing stronger than expected economic growth. In other words, a further modest increase in interest rates remains distinctly possible — but only later this year or in 1999; and only if the economy bounces back quite strongly from its present slowdown, rather than dipping into recession.

Until such a recovery becomes apparent, the Bank will have no further excuse for raising interest rates.

Tim Henman's glorious, but ultimately ill-fated, tilt at the Wimbledon men's singles title has distracted attention from another momentous event in which Mr Henman was instrumental last week. As one of the four members of the tennis players' council he was involved in brokering a shake-up of how the men's tour is to be run, along with what appears to be a ground-breaking new deal about the way in which sports rights are being marketed.



The new four-year agreement — which is due to start in 2000 — is the result of the deal struck by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), which runs tennis, with ISL, the Swiss marketing group known for its dominance of international football and athletics, and Octagon, the sports marketing arm of the big US marketing group, Interpublic. Octagon, of course, owns our own dear ATP, the company created by Alan Pascoe, the former Olympic hurdler, who sold out earlier this year and is using his money to try and revitalise British athletics.

The main element of the deal is that the two marketing companies will join forces to promote top tennis events and secure a 30 per cent increase in the fees paid to the best tennis players — as if they were not paid enough already. As part of this, the ATP will be rationalised, with points scored at the four Grand Slam events (the French, Australian and US Opens and Wimbledon) as well as at top-tier events. This culminates in an annual ATP Tour World Championship, the final of which will be rotated among the cities of world.

Though this is an important change to the structure of tennis, it has even more wide-reaching implications for the marketing of sports events worldwide. ISL's relationship with Fifa and Uefa in football, and the IAAF in athletics, has given it a great deal of marketing power over the last 20 years. But there is a feeling it has not delivered the financial benefits other sports have received from deals with other marketing companies, most notably Mark McCormack's International Management Group, that has a strong hold on golf and has been making inroads into tennis.

ing a "Bad Ad" watch, which will feature poorly conceived or executed advertisements. So it is a delight to start with one that is both.

TI Group — whose catchy slogan is "global specialist engineering" — has launched a series of press advertisements to trumpet the success of its subsidiary, Dowty Space Projects, in providing titanium-propellant tanks for Egypt's NileSat 101 media satellite, so allowing North Africans to watch the World Cup on satellite television.

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This conception would be muddled enough if the advert was executed well. However, it has not been. The advert is an attempt to climb on to the World Cup bandwagon — an overloaded vehicle at the best of times — with the strapline, "Without us, great saves would have been missed in Africa". It features a photograph of a goalkeeper tipping a shot over the top of a goal.

This is not an actual still from the World Cup, because they tend to be too expensive for most advertisers, even EDS, the computer group which is an official World Cup sponsor. And if you look closely, the shot is going over the top of the goal anyway, so the keeper need not have made the save. He is actually giving away a corner, needless.

Finally, most North African viewers can receive either French or Italian television on their sets, so they do not need to pick up signals from NileSat 101. Otherwise, the ad is fine.



Councillor Henman: instrumental in shake-up of men's tour

Game of halves

DIVORCES are generally pretty messy affairs (so I'm told), and the split between Andersen Consulting, the business adviser, and its accountant partner, Arthur Andersen, is no exception. In December, the feuding couple approached the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris for impartial arbitration on how their estate should be divided.

ICC rules require that the arbitrator should come from a country where neither side has any business interests. But given that both companies are part of the Andersen Worldwide Partnership, the edict left precious few nations from which to choose. "The options were Antarctica or Colombia," says one partner.

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Hotel sweet
THE growing appetite of American investors for UK hotels, culminating in breathtaking offers for the likes of the Savoy Group and Cliveden, has

set even the more humble provincial houseiers dreaming of being bought out for huge sums. One Californian investor, showing a rather neat turn of phrase, said: "All manner of companies have been lifting up their skirts to show us their wares."

His extensive list of skirt-lifters included County Hotels, a group of 25 hotels bought out from troubled Queens Moat Houses with backing from Duke Street Capital, the venture capital firm formerly known as Hambro European Ventures. Edmund Truell, chief executive of Duke Street Capital, is adamant that County is formulating its own acquisition pretensions as a precursor to an eventual flotation. But he admits coyly: "We might have shown a glimpse of an ankle."

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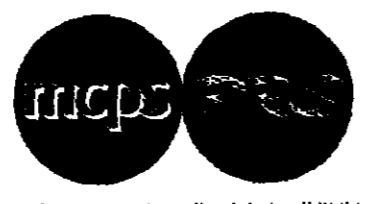


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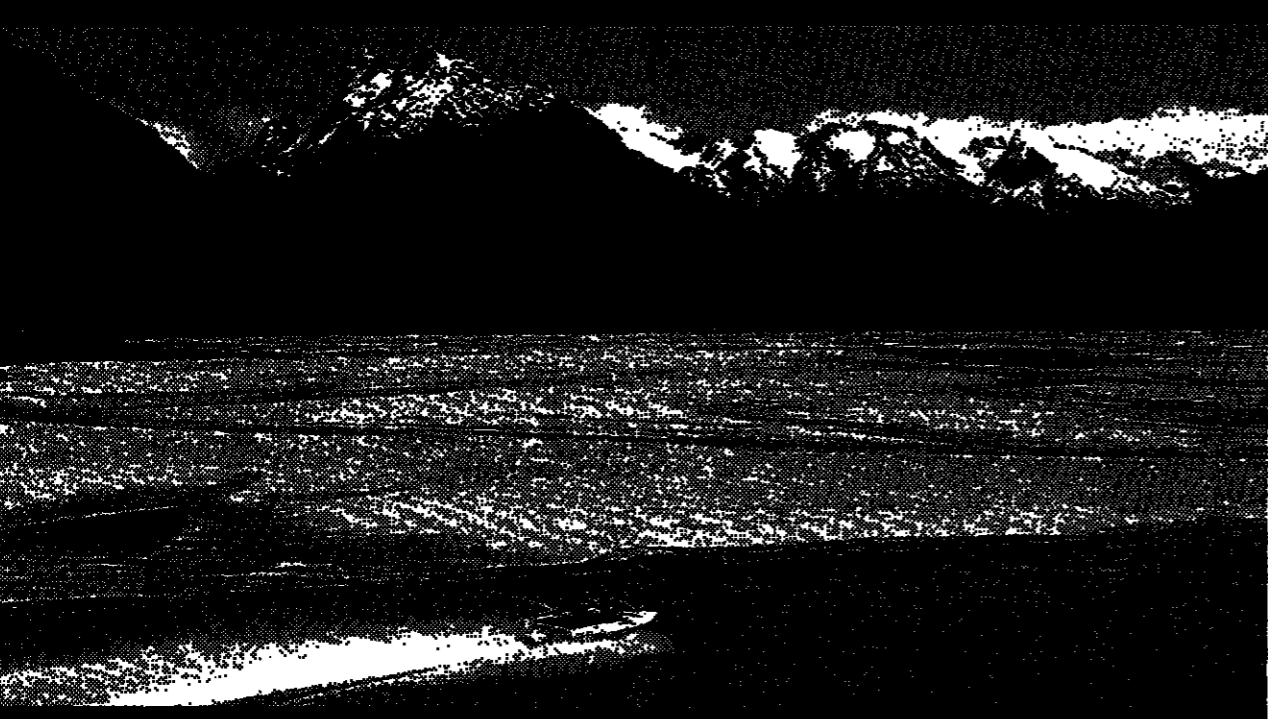
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QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants should have a qualification as a Solicitor, Barrister or Attorney-At-Law in a Commonwealth jurisdiction with knowledge of commercial, financial, criminal, constitutional and administrative law, as well as International Conventions and Treaties. A minimum of ten years post admission experience is required to advise at senior level on international criminal matters and practical experience as an advocate. Applicants should also have familiarity with parliamentary procedures and the ability to analyse and make sound decisions quickly.

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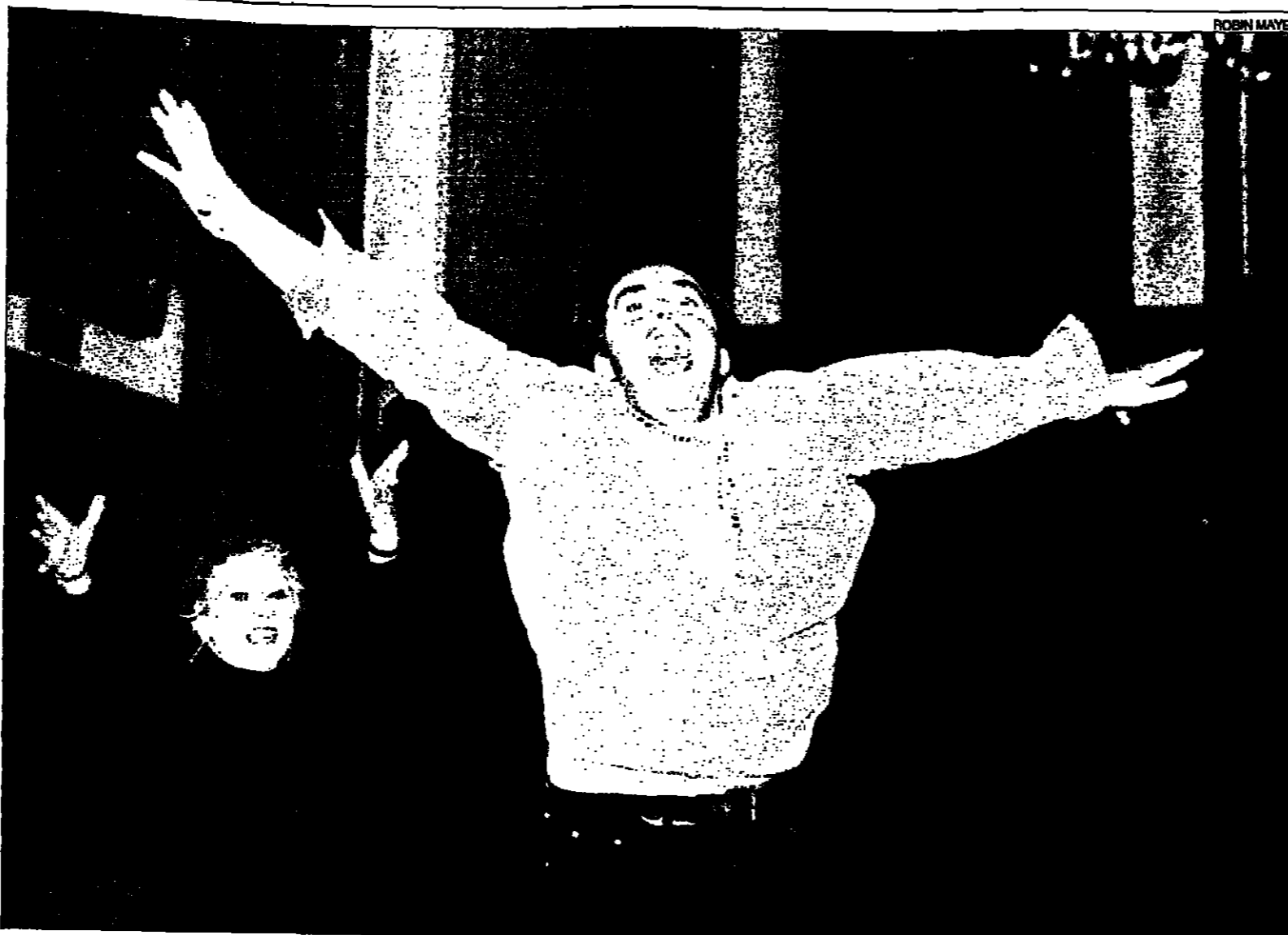
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Pamela Barnard, head of voice at LAMDA, encourages trainee barrister Robert Harrap to use acting skills to improve courtroom performance

How to act in court

Advocates are learning stage skills as part of their training for trial appearances. Fiona Bawden reports

Last week the Lord Chancellor made clear that advocates were going to have to change their craft. The Government's reforms to cut delays and costs in civil justice... expected to begin next April... will mean much more emphasis on the written word.

by portraits of former Lord Chancellors Lord Talbot (1684-1737) and Viscount Harcourt (1660-1727) — they were charging barefoot across Inner Temple Hall, launching into star jumps and yelling "I'm lying!"

audience, content accounted for just 7 per cent; voice for 38 per cent; and physical presence a whopping 55 per cent. A barrister's impact before a court may, therefore, depend more on what a jury thinks of him, than what they think of his case, it seems.

— whether you like it or not, you will always be creating some kind of impression. "If you don't choose what your voice is doing, another voice will come out. If you don't choose your intention, another intention will come out."

training, says the LAMDA initiative has been a huge success. Inner Temple plans to repeat the sessions and Bircher is confident that, after an inevitable learning curve with something so innovative, the courses will now be tailored exactly to the Inn's needs.

Case against Latin adjourned sine die

When ordinary people attend court as litigants, witnesses or jurors, they are often befuddled by legal Latin and lawyers' argot. Occasionally, though, when the boot is on the other foot, it is members of the public who laugh at judicial incomprehension of street talk.

Gary Slapper examines the pros and cons of preserving a dead tongue



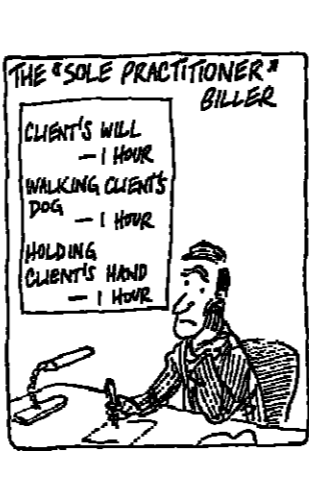
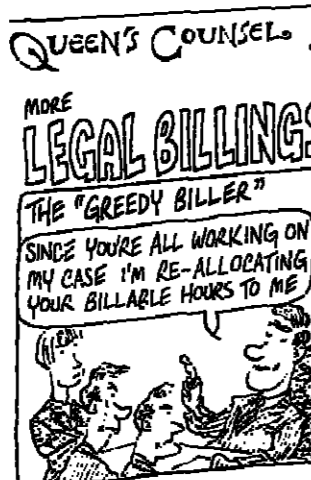
speaks for itself" and are used in the law of negligence to refer to some situations in which a court will be prepared to draw an inference of negligence against a defendant without hearing detailed evidence of what he did or did not do.

Top of the briefs

THIS week voting closes in the Law Society elections. Who will be the new leaders of the profession? Despite the strength of the candidates, solicitors seem overwhelmed with apathy; the poll is predicted at little more than 30 per cent.

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Commercial/Media: 2-5 years' PQE

For this role you will need sound experience in drafting and negotiating commercial contracts, preferably in the media or entertainment sectors. Sponsorship, trademarks and/or construction experience would be helpful. Operating very much as number two to the Head of Legal Affairs/Company Secretary, you will be involved in drafting and negotiating a wide range of agreements in relation to The Millennium Experience. Contact: Stephen Leavy.

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Jonathan Caplan, QC, and Frances Gibb, below, find fears for Hong Kong's legal system were misplaced

Crown's spirit comes with the territory

As the Royal Yacht Britannia sailed away from Hong Kong just after midnight a year ago to the sound of the Royal Marines playing Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory, the territory's future looked uncertain.

The last Governor, Chris Patten, had articulated the conscience of many and spoken out consistently for the rights of the less affluent members of Hong Kong society but, at the end of the first year of the life of this new Special Administrative Region of China, it seems that the pessimism is proving to be unwarranted.

In the run-up to the handover, the outgoing British regime had pursued a relentless policy of localisation. The rationale was that only the ethnic Chinese should fill the top jobs within the Government and legal system. Today the new administration has put a stop to that simplistic approach.

The Chinese Government has pledged its commitment to the principle of "one country, two systems" and few in Hong Kong would say that there is any real evidence that that pledge is not being honoured. "There has been no interference with a free press and no application to demonstrate has been rejected," says Dan-

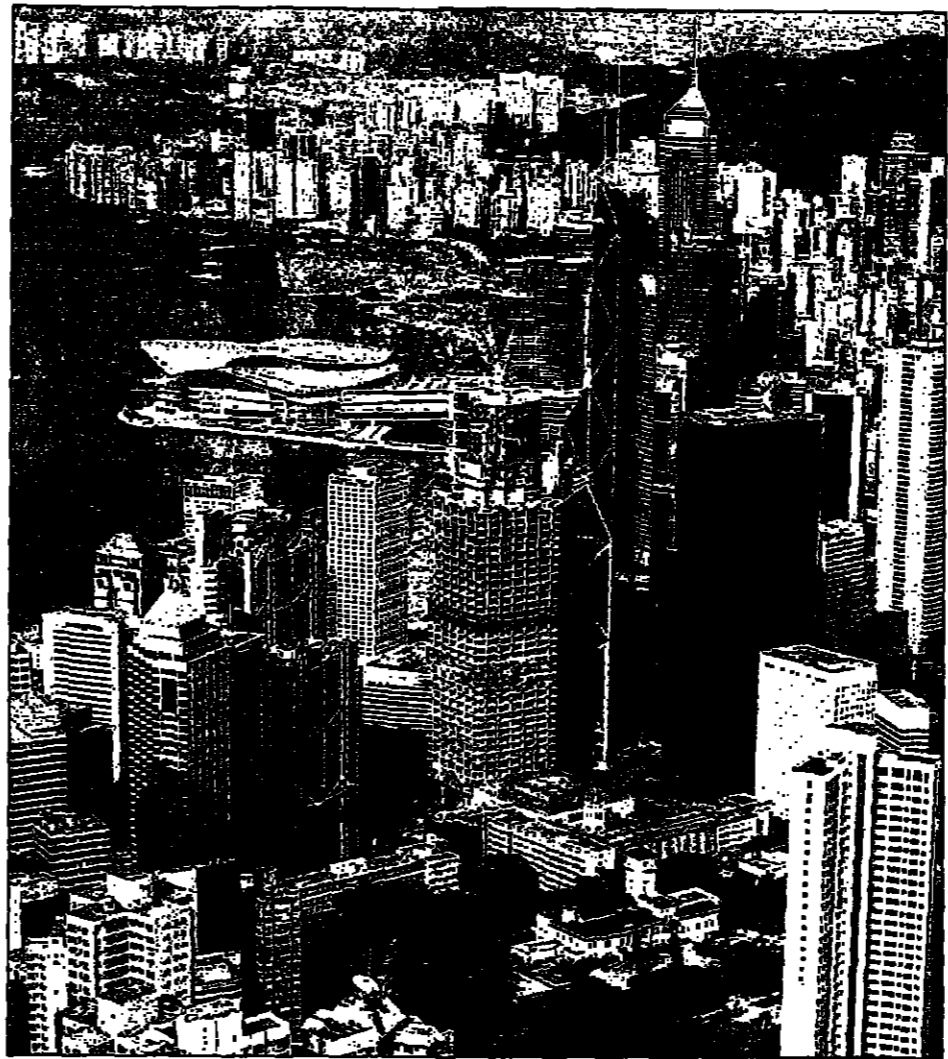
iel Fung, QC, Hong Kong's Solicitor General. "I remember a former US Ambassador to Beijing saying to me that films such as Seven Years in Tibet would never be shown here, but it is on general release. In May we also had our first flag-burning trial. It was decided within the common law and by reference to the leading decision of the US Supreme Court, and the defendants were bound over to keep the peace."

Threats that the Bill of Rights would be repealed have not materialised. Instead the new Basic Law is a written constitution that incorporates the two principal UN Human Rights Covenants. The Court of Final Appeal determines cases that formerly would have come to the Privy Council in London. Of

the five members of the court, one must be drawn from a distinguished overseas panel and all the permanent judges, except the Chief Justice, are foreign nationals.

I had an opportunity to see the system at work earlier this year when I was admitted after the handover to appear in a High Court trial. There is something incongruous about appearing in wig and gown in China and referring to the judge as "my Lord", but the old traditions have been maintained. So, too, has the jury system, common law, rules of equity and former ordinances.

English firms with offices in Hong Kong were apprehensive that work would fall away since last July in favour of local firms, but it has been business as usual.



Legally, at least, it is business as usual in the former Crown colony

Only the names have changed

When the UK flag was lowered in Hong Kong last June many asked whether the territory's legal system — cut off from the Privy Council and with its own new Court of Final Appeal — would remain an independent bulwark between citizen and State.

A year on, the person best placed to answer is Ian Wingfield, the chief adviser on civil matters who represents the Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China in litigation. After the handover, the old colonial posts of Treasury Solicitor, Attorney General and other departments such as Crown Prosecution Service were merged into a new Department of Justice over civil and criminal justice systems. Mr Wingfield's old title of Crown Solicitor became Law Officer (civil

law). He is answerable to the Secretary of Justice, Elsie Leung (all top posts had to go to Chinese nationals), although in practice he often acts for her. He insists that only the names have changed: "The principles of the Basic Law provide that decisions on prosecutions are taken independently. That does mean we are free from interference, from anyone."

It means also that the Director of Public Prosecutions, a post also held by an English lawyer, has control of prosecutions subject to the overall responsibility of the Secretary of Justice — "just as the DPP does in England and Wales". There is nothing, he says, to suggest that things will go on other than they always have done. Such boasts may be easier after the widely acclaimed appointment of judges

to the Court of Final Appeal, including two of our own law lords. A Judicial Appointments Committee makes recommendations to the Chief Executive and so far all have been accepted. The appointments have to be ratified by the Legislative Council.

Still, the changes to the law have led to accusations that the legal system and the region's autonomy are being undermined. The changes are part of a huge programme to update the laws (including 600 statutes). First, Mr Wingfield says, there is "the need to remove any uncertainties which may arise when the courts interpret these laws". The word Governor, for instance, is replaced by Chief Executive.

But it is the references to "Crown" and the principle that a sovereign government was not bound by legislation

enacted without express provision that have caused most heat. Crown now becomes "state". But how far does this bind state organs? The new definition makes it clear that municipal authorities or state-owned enterprises are not covered.

All laws will be kept under review. In particular, when new laws are proposed, the Government will ask whether just the State, or other state organs, should be bound by it. Beyond this task, there are questions such as whether Chinese will replace English as the language in court — likely in the lower but not higher courts. More important, there is huge interest from the Chinese in the region's legal system. "They are looking to us — as well as to other jurisdictions — to see how we do things," says Mr Wingfield.

Complaints on the rise

Complaints against lawyers last year totalled one for every three of the 71,000 solicitors in England and Wales, says Legal Services Ombudsman Ann Abraham, Frances Gibb writes.

In her first annual report last week Ms Abraham, who monitors the way the legal profession handles complaints, said that the Office for the Supervision of Solicitors (OSS) could be "overwhelmed by the sheer volume".

The OSS and Bar Council had made progress in improving procedures, but still did not meet the standards needed to justify self-regulation into the next century, she added. And the rise in complaints would be turned only if solicitors took responsibility for tackling clients in their own firms.

Complaints against solicitors included communication failures, defensiveness and refusal to admit mistakes; apparent reluctance on the part of the OSS to investigate; delay, confusion and poor communication by the OSS towards solicitors and failure to provide adequate redress, and gaps in professional conduct rules.

OSS were referred to the ombudsman, while 33 per cent of complaints dealt with by the General Council of the Bar were referred.

"Public confidence in the legal profession is not a picture of health," says Ms Abraham. Among complaints about solicitors was one over the "mysteries of the solicitor's uplift on costs for care and attention".

Most clients assume they are already paying for care and attention in the standard fee, the report said. Ms S, for example, had no reason to think the hourly rate quoted (185) did not include any charge for care and attention or for VAT.

In fact, it included neither so the real hourly rate was 150. The ombudsman recommended that the solicitors pay £300 compensation for failing to make this clear.

In a case involving a barrister the client complained that the barrister had changed three times before the actual trial and that, finally — having earlier been advised the case was a strong one — the barrister advised the client to settle at the door of the court.

The client was bewildered," Ms Abraham says. Although the Bar Council investigated and an apology was made by the head of chambers, it left a "big gap in terms of squaring the circle" of effective redress.

Paul Pharaoh, the chairman of the Law Society's compliance and supervision committee, said the society recognised more work was needed and shared the ombudsman's disappointment over some solicitors' failure to deal with dissatisfied clients. Heather Hallett, QC, the Chairman of the Bar Council, said the report was constructive, adding that the Bar had already identified the weaknesses in its system — ie, that complainants were not kept fully informed about the outcome of their complaints — and taken steps to deal with it.

● The Legal Services Ombudsman's annual report, £9.50, from the Stationery Office.

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GOALKEEPERS

Player	Country	Rd	Tot
101 Carlos Roa	Argentina	-1	7
102 Pablo Cavaliero	Argentina	0	0
158 German Adrian Burgos	Argentina	0	0
103 Michael Konefal	Austria	0	-1
104 Franz Wohlfahrt	Austria	0	0
105 Filip de Wilde	Belgium	0	2
106 Taffarel	Brazil	-1	1
107 Carlos Gormazo	Brazil	0	0
108 Borje Mihalovic	Bulgaria	0	0
109 Zdravko Zdravkov	Bulgaria	0	-2
110 Jacques Song'o	Cameroon	0	-2
111 Nelson Tapia	Chile	0	-4
112 Marcelo Ramirez	Chile	0	0
113 Oscar Cordoba	Colombia	0	0
114 Farid Mondragon	Colombia	0	2
115 Drazen Ladic	Croatia	3	9
116 Marjan Mircic	Croatia	0	0
117 Peter Schmeichel	Denmark	-2	0
118 Mogens Krogh	Denmark	0	0
119 David Seaman	England	0	4
120 Tim Flowers	England	0	0
121 Nigel Martyn	England	0	0
122 Bernard Lama	France	0	0
123 Fabien Barthez	France	3	14
124 Andreas Kopke	Germany	-2	3
125 Oliver Kahn	Germany	0	0
126 Ed de Goey	Holland	0	0
127 Edwin van der Sar	Holland	0	5
128 Almasroza Abedzadeh	Iran	0	-1
129 Gianluca Pagliuca	Italy	3	8
136 Gianluigi Buffon	Italy	0	0
131 Warren Borrett	Jamaica	0	-6
132 Yoshibitsu Kawaguchi	Japan	0	-1
133 Jorge Campos	Mexico	0	-3
134 Ahdolkader El Brazi	Morocco	0	0
162 Dries Benzouari	Morocco	0	0
135 Willy Okpara	Nigeria	0	0
159 Peter Rufai	Nigeria	0	-1
136 Frode Grodas	Norway	0	0
160 Thomas Myhre	Norway	0	6
138 Jose Luis Chilavert	Paraguay	0	0
139 Ruben Ruiz Diaz	Paraguay	0	3
140 Bogdan Stancu	Romania	0	0
141 Florin Prunea	Romania	0	0
142 Andre Amende	South Africa	0	0
143 Brian Bakoyi	South Africa	0	0
161 Hans Vonk	Saudi Arabia	0	-3
144 Mohammed Al-Deayeen	Scotland	0	-3
145 Jim Leighton	Scotland	0	0
146 Neil Sullivan	Scotland	0	0
147 Kim Ryung-il	South Korea	0	-6
148 Antonio Zubizarreta	Spain	0	1
149 Santiago Canzanas	Spain	0	0
150 Ali Boumznouj	Tunisia	0	0
151 Brad Friedel	USA	0	0
152 Casey Keller	USA	0	-2
154 Ivica Kralj	Yugoslavia	0	4
157 Dragoje Lokovic	Yugoslavia	0	0

DEFENDERS

Player	Country	Rd	Tot
201 Nestor Sensani	Argentina	-1	0
202 Jose Chamot	Argentina	-1	7
203 Roberto Ayala	Argentina	-1	8
204 Javier Zanetti	Argentina	0	3
205 Pablo Paz	Austria	0	0
206 Anton Pfeiffer	Austria	0	-1
207 Peter Schottel	Austria	0	-1
208 Wolfgang Folevanger	Austria	0	-1
209 Martin Hiden	Austria	0	0
210 Bertrand Crasson	Belgium	0	0
211 Eric van Meer	Belgium	0	0
213 Vital Borkelmans	Belgium	0	0
324 Eric Deflandre	Belgium	0	0
213 Aldair	Brazil	-1	5
214 Cafu	Brazil	-1	1
215 Roberto Carlos	Brazil	-1	1
216 Gauchaux	Brazil	0	0
217 Ze Roberto	Brazil	-1	1
218 Junior Rufino	Brazil	0	0
318 Andre Cruz	Brazil	0	0
219 Ze Carlos	Brazil	0	0
220 Trifon Ivanov	Bulgaria	0	-2
221 Radostin Kiselchev	Bulgaria	0	-2
222 Goshko Glachov	Bulgaria	0	-5
223 Invalo Petkov	Bulgaria	0	0
224 Rigobert Song	Cameroon	0	-3
225 Javier Marzan	Chile	0	-4
226 Ronald Fuentes	Chile	0	-4
227 Cristian Castaneda	Chile	0	-2
228 Pedro Reyes	Colombia	0	2
229 Wilmar Cabrera	Colombia	0	2
230 Jorge Bermudez	Colombia	0	2
231 Ivan Cordoba	Colombia	0	0
232 Wilson Perez	Colombia	0	0
232 Robert Jarni	Croatia	6	14
233 Slaven Bilic	Croatia	3	9
234 Igor Stimac	Croatia	5	11
235 Dario Sincic	Croatia	3	9
236 Goran Juric	Croatia	0	0
237 Marc Ripper	Denmark	-2	3

MIDFIELDERS

Player	Country	Rd	Tot
401 Diego Simeone	Argentina	0	4
402 Ariel Ortega	Argentina	0	10
403 Matias Almeyda	Argentina	0	6
404 Juan Sebastian Veron	Argentina	0	0
405 Marcelo Gallardo	Austria	0	3
406 Andreas Herzog	Austria	0	0
407 Peter Shogor	Austria	0	0
408 Heino Pfaffenberger	Austria	0	0
409 Ivica Vastic	Austria	0	3
408 Harald Corey	Austria	0	0
410 Franky van der Elst	Belgium	0	0
411 Enzo Scifo	Belgium	0	2
412 Lorenzo Staelens	Belgium	0	6
413 Nico van Kerckhoven	Belgium	0	0
414 Gert Verbeke	Belgium	0	0
416 Philippe Clement	Belgium	0	0
417 Leonardo	Brazil	0	0
420 Denilson	Brazil	0	4
421 Rivaldo	Brazil	6	11
422 Doriva	Brazil	0	0
536 Dunga	Brazil	2	4
401 Cesar Sampaio	Brazil	0	9
402 Giovanni	Brazil	0	0
423 Zlatko Yanakov	Bulgaria	0	0
424 Krasimir Balakov	Bulgaria	0	2
425 Daniel Borimirov	Bulgaria	0	0
426 Ivailo Yordanov	Bulgaria	0	0
538 Augustine Simo	Cameroon	0	0
539 Salomon Ombé	Cameroon	0	0
431 Luis Musari	Chile	0	0
432 Jose Luis Sierra	Chile	0	0
433 Marcelo Vega	Chile	0	2
434 Clarence Acuna	Colombia	0	2
435 Carlos Valderrama	Colombia	0	0
436 Freddy Rincon	Colombia	0	0
437 Mauricio Serna	Croatia	2	6
438 Aljosa Asanovic	Croatia	2	2
439 Zvonimir Boban	Croatia	0	3
440 Robert Prosinecki	Croatia	2	7
441 Mario Stanic	Croatia	0	0
442 Krunoslav Juric	Croatia	0	0
443 Silvio Maric	Croatia	0	7
444 Michael Lundrup	Denmark	0	0
445 Michael Scholzenberg	Denmark	0	3
446 Allan Nielsen	Denmark	0	0
447 Per Frandsen	Denmark	0	2
448 Paul Ince	England	0	0
449 David Batty	England	0	0
450 Steve McManaman	England	0	0
451 Paul Merson	England	0	3
452 Darren Anderson	England	0	0
453 Robert Lee	England	0	5
454 David Beckham	England	0	5
455 Paul Scholes	England	0	7
456 Didier Deschamps	France	0	7
461 Youni Djorkaeff	France	0	2
462 Zinedine Zidane	France	0	0
463 Christian Karembeu	France	0	3
464 Emmanuel Pottt	France	0	0
467 Patrick Vieira	France	0	2
468 Thomas Hassler	Germany	0	3
469 Andreas Moller	Germany	0	0
470 Christian Ziege	Germany	0	0
471 Jorg Heinrich	Germany	0	3
472 Michael Tarnat	Germany	0	0
473 Stefan Freund	Germany	0	0
474 Dietmar Hamann	Germany	0	0
545 Jens Jeremies	Holland	0	2
475 Aron Winter	Holland	0	4
476 Win Jonk	Holland	0	8
477 Ronald de Boer	Holland	0	5
478 Marc Overmars	Holland	0	5
479 Clarence Seedorf	Holland	0	0
478 Phillip Cocu	Holland	0	8
479 Edgar Davids	Holland	0	3
480 Ronald Eestil	Holland	0	0
481 Karim Baghrici	Holland	0	0
482 Desobrio Albertini	Iran	0	0
483 Dino Baggio	Italy	0	0
484 Roberto Di Matteo	Italy	0	0
485 Angelo Di Livio	Italy	0	10
486 Roberto Baggio	Italy	0	0
487 Peter Carrig	Jamaica	0	0
488 Theodore Whitmore	Jamaica	0	6
489 Fitzroy Simpson	Jamaica	0	2
489 Robbie Earle	Jamaica	0	3
490 Hiroshi Nanami	Japan	0	0
491 Hidetoshi Nakata	Japan	0	6
492 Razwan Ramirez	Mexico	0	3
493 Alberto Garcia Aspe	Mexico	0	0
494 Marcelino Bernal	Mexico	0	5
495 Mustapha Hamli	Morocco	0	0
496 Younesf Chippo	Nigeria	0	2
497 Fadi George	Nigeria	0	3
498 Martin Adegoke	Nigeria	0	0
498 Austin Okocha	Nigeria	0	3
499 Sunday Isaac	Nigeria	0	3
500 Kjetil Rekdal	Norway	0	10
501 Oyvind Leonhardsson	Norway	0	5
502 Joakim Flo	Norway	0	4
504 Ståle Solbakken	Norway	0	0
547 Erik Mykland	Norway	0	0
551 John Ivar Jakobsen	Norway	0	0
506 Roberto Acuna	Paraguay	0	0
507 Julio Cesar Enciso	Paraguay	0	0
508 George Hagi	Romania	0	4
509 Dorinel Munteanu	Romania	0	2
510 Ilie Dumitrescu	Romania	0	0
511 Constantin Galca	Romania	0	0
512 John Moshoes	South Africa	0	0
513 Nelson Mkhaleso	South Africa	0	0
514 Doctor Khumalo	South Africa	0	0
515 Foad Awzar Amin	Saudi Arabia	0	0
516 Khalid Al-Murawid	Saudi Arabia	0	0
516 John Collins	Scotland	0	3
517 Billy McKay	Scotland	0	3
518 Craig Burley	Scotland	0	3
519 Scott Semple	Scotland	0	0
520 Paul Lambert	Scotland	0	0
521 Ha Seok-Ju	South Korea	0	5
522 Yoo Sang-Chul	South Korea	0	3
523 Fernando Hierro	Spain	0	12
524 Luis Enrique Martinez	Spain	0	7
525 Guillermo Amor	Spain	0	0
526 Julien Guerrero	Spain	0	0
527 Zoubair Beys	Tunisia	0	0
540 Mehdi Ben Slimane	Tunisia	0	0
548 Adel Sellimi	Tunisia	0	2

STRIKERS

Player	Country	Rd	Tot
601 Gabriel Batista	Argentina	0	15
602 Abel Balbo	Argentina</		

SPORT IN BRIEF

McKay's hopes blown away

■ GOLF: The dream did not quite come true, but Mhairi McKay, of Scotland, still had a week to remember by finishing joint seventh in her first US Women's Open at Blackwolf Run, Kohler, in Wisconsin. Jenny Chuangiriporn, an amateur from the United States, held a 30-foot birdie putt for the last for a 72, to tie for first place with Se Ri Pak, of Korea, who shot 76 to finish six over on 290. They were playing off for the title late yesterday.

McKay, 23, was one off the lead at the start of the final round on Sunday, but led after five holes of the final round to raise hopes of following Laura Davies and Alison Nicholas as British winners of the most coveted prize in women's golf. But with the whole field suffering in stiff winds and punishing pin positions, she scored a 78 for a nine over par 295.

■ CYCLING: Britain is sending only five riders — Craig Maclean, Chris Hoy, Jason Queally, Michelle Ward and Emma Davies — to the European track championships in Szczecin, Poland from July 23 to 27 because the competition clashes with the national track championships at Manchester.

■ RUGBY UNION: David Rees, the England wing, has signed a three-year extension to his contract with Manchester Sale, formerly Sale. Rees, 24, won six caps last season but missed the summer tour of the southern hemisphere through injury.

■ CRICKET: Sussex's third scheduled floodlit Axa League match of the season against Glamorgan at Hove on September 3 has been cancelled because of lack of sponsorship and will now be played on the afternoon of Sunday, August 30.

TENNIS: CHAMPION EARMARKS HENMAN IN WIMBLEDON LINE OF SUCCESSION

Sampras still the man to beat

By Julian Muscat, Tennis Correspondent

PETE SAMPRAS is a magnanimous champion. His grip on the Wimbledon singles title looked a little less secure this year, but he departed with words that made the nation rejoice. "He will win this thing one day," Sampras said of Tim Henman's bold bid to unseat him in the semi-finals.

The trouble is that Sampras paid Goran Ivanisevic, three times a beaten finalist, an identical compliment after their five-set battle in the final on Sunday. Within an hour of that pronouncement, he then warned all aspirants to his kingdom: "I'll be around for a few years yet." Perhaps what Sampras really meant to say was that he would win it three more to the year 2001, then Ivanisevic, at the age of 30, would triumph in 2002, followed by Henman, at 28, in 2003.

The point about Wimbledon 1998 is that, like every previous, it generated storylines exclusive to the event. Consider Cedric Pioline, whose appearance in the final last year could not immunise him against a first-round defeat by Marc Rosset. Henman's thrilling progress will fortify him for future Wimbledon campaigns. Whether it inspires him to perform consistently throughout the year remains to be seen.

Henman's welcome progress must be viewed against a set of favourable circumstances. After edging through a difficult contest against Jiri Novak in the first round, Henman ventured that he found it difficult playing on No 1 Court. He was not asked to venture there again. Such are the benefits of domesticity at Wimbledon, although one of Henman's fundamental strengths is his ability to cope with all that entails.

It must also be acknowledged that Henman enjoyed good fortune when confronting opposition of real substance beyond the third round. Pat Rafter, seeded No 6, experienced back problems that compromised his service in their fourth-round match. And Petr Korda was hampered by a stretched Achilles tendon when confronting Henman in the quarter-finals.

It is to Henman's credit that he made the best of his good fortune, which, as Sampras



Henman's performances of the past fortnight have confirmed that the title he most covets is now within his reach

acknowledged after beating Ivanisevic, can make all the difference in grand-slam events. Henman's inability to negate the baseline wares of his first three opponents remains a source of concern, although he showed clear signs in the accuracy of his first service and levels of concentration. All of which helped Henman to achieve a career-best world ranking, at No 13, when the ladder was updated yesterday.

A personal opinion is that Henman, who thrives on the big occasion, would have prevailed over each of a fully fit Rafter and Korda. His appetite for such competition is confirmed by his 739 bonus points, which are allocated according to the strength of opposition he has bettered over the past 12 months. Only Sampras, Korda and Marcelo Rios have accrued more. His progress at the US Open in August is eagerly awaited.

The same cannot be said of Greg Rusedski, who slipped

one ranking place yesterday, to No 6. His misguided attempt to play at Wimbledon when plainly unfit rebounded badly. Rusedski has targeted an event in Washington for his resumption in two weeks without the assistance of his former coach, Tony Pickard.

It was a Wimbledon to remember for Sam Smith, the British No 1, who accounted for Conchita Martínez, seeded No 8, en route to the fourth round of the women's singles. Smith entered Wimbledon a career-best No 94 in the world and ended it by advancing 37

places yesterday. She was ranked No 128 less than a month ago. She eventually fell to Nathalie Tauziat, subsequently eclipsed by Jana Novotna in a final poor in quality but rich in emotion. The teenage generation's failure to reach the final is not confined to Wimbledon: Martina Hingis is the only "young gun" among six different women to contest a grand-slam final this year.

Hingis's defence of her Wimbledon title lacked conviction. Her French Open semi-final defeat by Monica

Seles appears to have left her tender of motivation at the tender age of 17. Steffi Graf, like Seles, came up short after a rushed preparation.

Among Britain's six-strong wild-card entry in the men's event, Chris Wilkinson's fourth appearance in the third round was tempered by poor performances around him. Four of the seven perished immediately; Andrew Richardson's opening-round defeat by Hicham Arzi prompted him to take an indefinite break from the game.

Although Henman broke out in the second week, the abiding memories of the fortnight are confined to the singles finals. The joy in witnessing Novotna prevail on Saturday was matched in its intensity by the undiluted despair to envelop Ivanisevic 24 hours later. If Novotna finally found the key, the gates of redemption may be forever locked to the man whose arrival before them was so unexpected.

WORLD RANKINGS

- WOMEN: 1. M Hingis (Switz) 5,865pts; 2. J Novotna (Cz) 4,507; 3. L Davenport (US) 4,464; 4. A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 3,284; 5. M Seles (US) 2,957; 6. V Williams (US) 2,948; 7. C Martínez (Sp) 2,613; 8. A Coster (SA) 2,516; 9. J Spies (Aust) 2,191; 10. M Tauziat (Fr) 2,152; 11. D van Roost (Bel) 1,997; 12. P Schryver (Switz) 1,944; 13. S Testud (Fr) 1,835; 14. M Pincus (Aus) 1,835; 15. A Kuznetsov (Russia) 1,684; 16. N Zvereva (Bel) 1,636; 17. A Sugiyama (Japan) 1,587; 18. A Hulse (Ger) 1,568; 19. L Raymond (US) 1,485; 20. I Nisicki (Can) 1,314.
- MEN: 1. P Sampras (US) 3,825pts; 2. M Rios (Chile) 3,612; 3. P Korda (Cz) 3,244; 4. C Wood (Sp) 2,970; 5. P Rafter (Aus) 2,878; 6. G Rusedski (GB) 2,708; 7. Y Katelnikoff (Russia) 2,619; 8. J Bjornkranz (Swe) 2,581; 9. A Corrett (Sp) 2,530; 10. F Kotisek (Aust) 2,382; 11. K Kuipers (Slovakia) 2,192; 12. F Mantilla (Sp) 2,152; 13. T Henman (GB) 2,088; 14. A Costa (Sp) 2,078; 15. M Chang (US) 2,008; 16. A Berasategui (Sp) 1,981; 17. G Panatta (Italy) 1,821; 18. T Enqvist (Swe) 1,821; 19. A Agassi (US) 1,775; 20. C Pioline (Fr) 1,712.

SNOOKER

O'Sullivan loses prize-money and Irish title

By Our Sports Staff

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN has escaped suspension after testing positive for cannabis during the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters last season. The 22-year-old Essex player, though, has been stripped of his title and forfeited the £61,000 prize-money he earned for beating Ken Doherty 9-3 in the final at Goffs, Co Kildare.

O'Sullivan made a personal appearance at a hearing in Bristol yesterday, accompanied by Ian Doyle, his manager, and Henri Brandman, his solicitor. The three-man disciplinary committee of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) met for two hours before reaching their verdict.

O'Sullivan feared he might be suspended as his offence took place while serving a two-year suspended sentence. However, Jim Meadowcroft, Bob Close and David Taylor, all WPBSA directors, declined to implement that form of punishment "on the basis it was not warranted due to the different natures of the rules in question".

In April 1996, O'Sullivan assaulted Mike Ganley, a former WPBSA assistant press officer, during the Embassy world championship at Sheffield. His latest brush with the authorities came after his positive tests during the Irish Masters in March.

O'Sullivan, through Mr Brandman, said he had taken marijuana five days before the event, but added that it had not been used as a means to enhance his performance. The positive test made him liable for automatic disqualification from the event.

O'Sullivan was also ordered to pay £150 costs. However, he remains UK and Scottish Open champion. Doherty is now the official winner of the Irish tournament.

O'Sullivan is the fourth player to be disciplined for drug-taking this year. The heaviest punishment being meted out to Paul Hunter, who was fined £4,550 and docked 1,140 ranking points after testing positive for cannabis during the 1997 Grand Prix at Bournemouth.

RUGBY LEAGUE

New Zealand turn down regional aid

IN THE week that the JJB Super League "on the road" series begins, which is designed to expand rugby league's boundaries, New Zealand are refusing to play matches in Gateshead and Cardiff this autumn because they are outside the sport's heartlands (Christopher Irvine writes).

The New Zealand Rugby League (NZRL) believes it would lose money by playing midweek games against England and Wales at the two venues. All that now remains are the three internationals against Great Britain at Huddersfield, Bolton and Watford.

Gateshead and Cardiff are the leading franchise applicants for admission into the Super League next year and, on Friday, Gateshead hosts the first of six roadshow matches in three weeks nationwide, between Leeds Rhinos and Salford Reds.

A British Amateur Rugby League Association disciplinary hearing into the activities of Maurice Oldroyd, who was suspended as chief executive last month pending an investigation into "internal matters", was postponed for a second time yesterday, until July 22, because of Oldroyd's ill health.

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CHANGING TIMES

RUGBY UNION: EMERGING TALENT GIVES WOODWARD HOPE FOR FUTURE

England's year finishes in debit

ENGLISH rugby's most demanding year since international fixtures began in 1871 is over. It lasted nine months, in which New Zealand have been played four times, Australia and South Africa twice each, with a Five Nations Championship thrown in for good measure. Players and coaches are speaking as one when they say that it must never be repeated.

During that time, however, England's stock as a playing and political entity within rugby has suffered sadly; there is a lack of respect for their administrators and condescension among the overseas public for their players.

The sending off of Danny Grewcock against New Zealand in Dunedin added to the sense of calamity, although it reflects well upon an immature playing party that the camel's back remained unbroken.

During the summer there has been a wholesale revision by the southern-hemisphere powers about future international fixtures which, though it has yet to take physical shape, offers a glimpse of an alarming future. Instead of expanding, the global game could contract into the tri-nations tournament, "show" matches in such diverse areas as North America and China, and occasional forays involving the Pacific Islands as well as France and Britain.

The responsibility for restoring greater balance lies squarely with France and England, the playing and commercial powers of the northern hemisphere, and at present England, in the shape of the Rugby Football Union,

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

seems singularly ill-equipped to accept that challenge. Until the void at the centre of the game in England is filled, and country and clubs work together, it will also affect the three other home unions.

At least the England players are in a position to restore some lustre to the tarnished image. Despite the disappointments of the least successful touring party to leave Great Britain or Ireland, England uncovered new talent to add to those players who stayed at home this summer.

The party of 37 that left Heathrow in May (which became 38 when Paul Sampson arrived in South Africa last week) was too large; not enough was seen of such players as Spencer Brown, the Richmond wing, Jonny Wil-

kinson, the Newcastle fly half, or Richard Pool-Jones, the Stade Français flanker, never mind the likes of George Chuter, Peter Richards or Duncan Bell, who between them played only 137 minutes of rugby on tour.

Yet the seven matches played in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa became a voyage of opportunity for the Sale trio of Tom Beim, Jos Baxendell and Pat Sandersen; there was a sparkle in the step of Ben Clarke, Graham Rowntree, Phil Vickery and, most notably, Matt Dawson, the captain.

Sandersen, at 20 and with only one senior club season behind him, knows that Neil Back and Richard Hill lie ahead of him in the battle for the No 7 shirt, and that the

vigorous latecomer, Pool-Jones, has ambitions to make the World Cup squad. But Sandersen, one of the fittest players in a squad urged night and day to improve their physical condition, is the shining example of Cliff Woodward's dictum.

"If you go home from a tour like this without learning something, you must be dumb," the England coach said. "Some of these young players have been around the world, seen and played against the best players in the world and had the opportunity to work with some of the best coaches in the world — and I don't include myself in that."

Woodward is right to omit himself. His track record bears no comparison with those of, for example, John Hart (New Zealand), Rod Macqueen (Australia) or Pierre Villepreux (France); he has made selection decisions on tour that have been wrong and his players have been unable to translate tactics on the field.

But Woodward's strength is that his players will play for him, and in John Mitchell, his assistant, he has another novice coach but one with the profound learning of a top-class New Zealand player. Together they may prove to be a worthy coaching team; next September they will bring their best players together, next summer they will take them away to a training camp (probably in South Africa) and in the autumn of 1999 they may offer the southern hemisphere the competition that they have been unable to do over the past month.

TOUR DETAILS

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 June 6: lost 78-0 to Australia (Brisbane)
 June 12: lost 18-10 to New Zealand A (Pretoria)
 June 18: lost 50-32 to New Zealand Academy (Pretoria)
 June 20: lost 84-22 to New Zealand (Durban)
 June 28: lost 62-14 to New Zealand (Melbourne)
 June 27: lost 40-10 to New Zealand (Auckland)
 July 4: lost 18-0 to South Africa (Cape Town)
- APPEARANCES: 8. Simpson (2 as replacement), Sale (1), Jones (1), Sandersen, Clarke (1), Cochrane (1), Spence (1), Duncan Galt (1), Filler Galt (1), Lawry (1), Spivey (1), Ison (1), Smith (1), Surinham (2), 4. Best, Baim (2) Spils (1), Dawson (1), Jones (1), Brown (1), Gearing (1), Perry, Ravenscroft (2), Rowntree, Sandersen, Vickery, 3. Benton (1), Jones (1), Jones (1), Jones (1), Chapman (1), Spils (1), Chapman (1), Hesley, Moore, Fook-Jones (1), Clarnon (1), Wingo, 2. Acres, Green (1), Grewcock, King, Moody, Polter (1), Richards (1), Wilkinson (1), Bell (1), Chuter (1), (1), Simpson.



Dawson: outstanding tour

Probyn points finger at Woodward

THE official inquest into England's ill-fated tour begins today when the national playing committee of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) meets. It is expected to hear from Roger Utley, the manager, rather than Clive Woodward, the coach, whom one member of the committee yesterday suggested should shoulder much of the responsibility for the reversal of fortune.

Jeff Probyn, the former England prop, said that the results were a reflection "on the coach, rather than the players". While

not suggesting that Woodward should resign, Probyn believes that the coach compounded the problems that England faced.

In a clear reference to Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the RFU management board, Probyn also said that he hoped people would not "make political capital out of the misfortunes of the England team". Brittle faces a challenge from Brian Balster at the RFU's annual

general meeting on July 19, with Brittle's campaign being run by the Reform Group, whose expectation must be that play into the southern hemisphere will play into their hands.

As a result, Probyn has become one of the founder members of the Rugby Football Union Support Group, the voice — in his opinion — of the silent majority, who believe that the union has achieved much of which to be proud, and that progress towards a harmonious future is being blocked by Brittle.

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MOTOR RACING

Coulthard seeks home victory to revive challenge

By Kevin Eason

ALL around David Coulthard, heads were in hands and groans filled the room. He stared blankly at the television screen as he and friends watched England being knocked out of the World Cup by Argentina. At the end of this Formula One season, he does not want to be yet another plucky British loser.

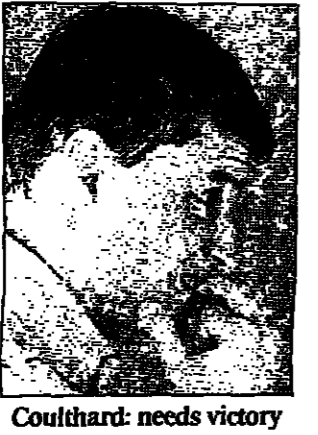
On the back foot and heading for trouble. There are no team orders and it has always been that the first man to the first corner should go on to win. A championship should be won because you have beaten everybody else on the track through the season, and I know that Mika feels like that.

The team is capable of supplying equal machinery so why should they put all their eggs in one basket? If the second half of the season works out like the first, Mika will be champion and McLaren will win the constructors' title, so it seems sensible to allow us to get on with racing.

He returned. Whether Coulthard will see the debt repaid this season seems at best optimistic, as long as Hakkinen leads the championship.

However, the Scot has to believe that he will be allowed to go on racing for the chance to revitalise his title challenge. "I have demonstrated my loyalty on the two occasions I have been asked to move over for Mika, and I think I deserve the chance to go on doing what we are doing now and that is racing," he said.

To deny Coulthard the right to race would be to deny a man who proved he could win in a McLaren when it was not the dominant machine in Formula One. It would also inflict a deep wound on a young driver whose selflessness has cost him dearly this season.



Coulthard needs victory



Hakkinen leads title race

Mark Hodkinson on the end of one dream and the start of another



Dennis, the Barnsley chairman, attempts to alleviate the gloom of the faithful at Oakwell yesterday after announcing the departure of Wilson

The media was the easy bit, and John Dennis knew as much. Even as the Barnsley chairman spoke into cameras and tape recorders, supporters were wandering off the streets into Oakwell. Danny Wilson, their manager for four seasons, had departed, just a week after the exit of Neil Redfern, the club captain. Suddenly, Barnsley, the Atletico Dreamville of modern football, had begun to look like FC Ordinary.

Sheer spontaneity of Dennis helps to ease Oakwell pain

Supporters flock to Oakwell just to watch training sessions, so when news is spreading that Wilson is leaving, a pilgrimage is soon under way. Dennis did not sidestep the fans, nor the issues, when he was waylaid at the edge of the pitch yesterday. "In the end, Danny had a hankering to go to Sheffield Wednesday, and it was as simple as that," he said.

change our ambitions and ability to make further progress." While Dennis skillfully appeased the supporters, John Hendrie, Wilson's successor, was in the stand conducting radio interviews. "This is the future now," Dennis said, pointing upwards to Hendrie. The appointment is a masterful tactical move, for Hendrie is adored, like Wilson, for his passion on the field and good humour and humility off it. He will become player-manager on a three-year contract.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS
LINZ, Austria: Grand Prix results: Men: 100m: 1. J. Harden (US) 10.08sec; 200m: 1. R. Tomlin (US) 13.78sec; 400m: 1. J. ...

FOOTBALL
INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: Under-18s: Middlesex 212-6 Dorset 116-9; Match drawn: Under-18s: Yorkshire 160-7 Cheshire 154-4; ...

FIXTURES
CRICKET
MINOR COUNTRIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): ...

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard
OBOSOM
a. A Double D-cup brassiere
b. A religious system
c. An evil goblin

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT
A contract in Cumbria sent me this hand. He was South and says it was the first time in 55 years of bridge that he had seen a game contract made by a declarer holding a Yarborough; he also liked the two trump promotion/coup-en-passant themes.

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT
Adams triumphs
In one of the best results of his career, Michael Adams, of Great Britain, has shared first prize in the elite tournament at Dortmund.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 3 New York Mets 2 (11 Inn); Cincinnati 6 St Louis 4 Florida 12 Montreal 1 Philadelphia 4 ...

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Saturday July 11
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SECOND DIVISION
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BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 3 New York Mets 2 (11 Inn); Cincinnati 6 St Louis 4 Florida 12 Montreal 1 Philadelphia 4 ...

SAILING

SLOVENIA: Soling European Championships (after four races): 1. S. Pichler, V. Kordecki and S. Trojnar (SLO) 17pts; 2. M. ...

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON: All England Championships: Boys' doubles: Final: R. Federer (SWE) and O. Roehrig (GER) 6-1, 6-2; M. ...

WANNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene
White to play. This position is from the game Revjakin - Tripolski, Germany, 1988. Can you spot White's brilliant winning move that brought his whole position to life?

WORLD CUP 98

Stage set for night to remember

FROM OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN TOULON

THEY came to the run-down suburbs of this port city yesterday afternoon and turned what was supposed to be a light training session into something more akin to a papal visit.

Others stood lazily on the balconies of the blocks of flats that overlooked the ground. More crammed themselves on to any ledge, any roof, any vantage point they could find.

When they got off the team coach, the players walked towards the pitch down a narrow outdoor corridor bounded by a rusting red fence. They wandered past a blackboard with numbers 1 to 13 still chalked up on it from Toulon's last game of the season.

At first, it seemed incongruous that they should have chosen such a venue for their final workout before they meet Holland in the eagerly-awaited World Cup semi-final in Marseilles tonight.

Mario Zagallo, the coach, was the first out, looking like Laurence Olivier in, aptly enough, The Boys from Brazil. Next came Dunga, the captain. He crossed himself as he set foot on the pitch.

man volleyed the ball to another. He caught it on his thigh or his heel, before volleying it back. They could have gone on forever without letting it fall to earth.

They need Ronaldo to shine in the Stade Velodrome tonight if they are to justify their billing as World Cup winners elect.

Each side has a hard edge, of course. Where Holland have Edgar Davids, Brazil have

followed his sending-off against Belgium, and he and Bergkamp have the capacity to unsettle the Brazilians.

The world champions, though, could hurt the Dutch even more. Stam looked out-classed by Ariel Ortega on Saturday and he may be exposed by Ronaldo's pace.

"I want to collect the ball and create, like I did against the Danes," Ronaldo said yesterday. "I am no longer worried about finishing top goalscorer in the competition. I am more concerned about winning the game. We must beat Holland if we are to beat the world."

That was the cue for the boasting to begin, almost as though each team wanted to prove it could be more cavalier than the other. "I imagine a good match, with two teams attacking," Zico, Brazil's assistant coach, said.

Giuseppe Hiddink, the Holland coach, even had the temerity to question Brazil's capacity for playing attractive football. "Their game has become less artistic," he said, "and I think that's a shame for the spectacle. Our game is less defensive and more attractive than theirs with more risk as well."

A couple of hours after Hiddink had finished speaking, Brazil wound up their training session at the Stade du Bonrencontre. Taffarel, their goalkeeper, caught three crosses in succession and then dropped-kicked them unerringly into the temporary goal that had been set up on the half way line. Not bad for an artisan.



Junior Baiano demonstrates remarkable ball control during a Brazil training session in preparation for the semi-final tonight. Photograph: Paulo Whitaker

THE ROAD TO THE WORLD CUP FINAL

Sunday July 12, 8pm
Winner Brazil v Holland
TV: BBC, ITV and Eurosport

Winner France v Croatia
Stade de France
TV: BBC, ITV and Eurosport

3rd place play-off
Saturday July 11, 8pm
Loser Brazil v Holland
Loser France v Croatia
Parc des Princes

SEMI-FINALS

Today, 8pm
BRAZIL
HOLLAND

Tomorrow, 8pm
FRANCE
CROATIA

Marseilles, TV: ITV and Eurosport
Stade de France, TV: BBC and Eurosport

QUARTER-FINALS

BRAZIL 3 Beбето (11) Rivaldo (26, 50)	HOLLAND 2 Kluivert (12) Bergkamp (30)	FRANCE 0 Italy	CROATIA 3 Juni (45) Vavric (50) Suker (85)
DENMARK 2 Jorgensen (2) B Laudrup (50)	ARGENTINA 1 Lopez (18)	GERMANY 0 After extra time: France win 4-3 on penalties	

Nantes, 35,500
Marseilles, 55,000
Stade de France, 80,000
Lyon, 39,100

GOALKEEPERS

HOLLAND
Numan misses semi-final v Brazil after being sent off against Argentina. Banned for one match. Stam carries one yellow card into semi-final.

BRAZIL
Cafu misses semi-final v Holland after second yellow card against Denmark. Banned for one match. Leonardo, Aidair and Roberto Carlos carry one yellow card into semi-final.

CROATIA
Boban, Bilic, Simic and Suker carry one yellow card into semi-final v France.

FRANCE
Deschamps and Guiverch carry one yellow card into semi-final v Croatia.

GOALKEEPERS
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G Batistuta (Argentina)
C Vieri (Italy)

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D Suker (Croatia)
L Hernandez (Mexico)
M Salas (Chile)

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Beбето (Brazil)
Ronaldo (Brazil)
Cesar Sampaolo (Brazil)
Rivaldo (Brazil)
T Henry (France)
D Bergkamp (Holland)
J Klinsmann (Germany)
D Bierhoff (Germany)

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Dunga, and that will be an unyielding battle for midfield control. But it is in the abilities of the attacks to unlock the suspect defences that the match will be won and lost.

The Dutch will be confident that Dennis Bergkamp, who was back to his sublime best as provider and scorer in the victory over Argentina on Saturday, and Patrick Kluivert will be able to take advantage of the uncertainty that can creep into the minds of Aidair and Junior Baiano. Cafu will not be there to patrol the right, either. He is suspended. But Marc Overmars, who might have exploited any weakness there, is not fit to start the game.

Kluivert, who had such a miserable season at AC Milan, seems at last to have shaken off the troubles that stalk him. He has won back his place in the side after the suspension that

MARSEILLES TEAMS

BRAZIL (probable: 4-4-2): 1 Taffarel (Atletico Mineiro) - 13 Zé Carlos (Flamengo), 3 Aldair (AS Roma), 6 Roberto Carlos (Real Madrid) - 5 Cesar Sampaolo (Ara Soto (Cogo)), 18 Leonardo (AC Milan), 8 Dunga (Jubilo Iwata), 10 Rivaldo (Barcelona) - 9 Ronaldo (Internazionale), 20 Beбето (Botafogo).

HOLLAND (probable: 4-4-2): 1 E van der Sar (Ajax) - 2 M Reiziger (Barcelona), 3 J Stam (Manchester United), 4 F de Boer (Ajax), 11 P Cocu (PSV Eindhoven) - 7 R de Boer (Ajax), 16 E Davids (Juventus), 8 W Jonk (PSV Eindhoven) - 8 D Bergkamp (Arsenal), 9 P Kluivert (AC Milan).

Referee: Ali Mohamed Bujasm (United Arab Emirates).

Zagallo goes for death or glory

Kevin McCarra finds that Brazil do not just want to win, they want to win in style

The last manager to win the World Cup for Brazil found that the achievement brought him forgiveness rather than veneration. Victory in 1994 was the country's first success in the tournament for 28 years and the people were prepared to pardon Carlos Alberto Parreira, the man who had planned it, despite distaste for the means employed.

Some supporters cringed at the sight of the side playing for two hours without a goal in the final before overcoming Italy in a penalty shoot-out. This summer, on the other hand, Brazil are capable of engendering anything except boredom. Mario Zagallo, the present manager, was Parreira's assistant four years ago and explains that the defensive tactics were the consequence of a shortage of attacking talent.

Zagallo revels in the means now at his disposal. The sides who meet in the semi-final in Marseilles this evening are enterprising, but, compared to Holland, Brazil are an anachronism. For an audience, if only adds to the attraction of the world champions that they should have no truck with the excessive prudence so common in the 1990s.

Brazil are as likely to make a spectator smile with the anarchic folly of their defending as they are with the panache of their attacks. Brazil have conceded six goals in

ism. It is as if he fears that the zest of the team will be lost if he compromises. Under Zagallo, both full backs are licensed to attack and, unless Dunga stays in a deep position, the two centre halves can find themselves playing one-on-one against the opposition's twin forwards.

Aldair, the AS Roma defender, embraces the risk. He was part of the conservative team that won in the United States, but sounds like a man ready to disown that glory. "I would prefer to lose while taking risks rather than win without flair," he said. After seven years in Serie A, it is

remarkable that he should still hold an opinion that would be considered heresy by any team-mate at his club. So far at least, Zagallo's readiness to unshackle individuality has been rewarded, even if a 2-1 defeat by Norway in a group match illustrated the dangers. The Dutch themselves are scarcely costive and, with 11 goals, have scored only two less than Brazil at this World Cup.

All the same, they are distinctive in their emphasis on method. A sheet of graph paper is useful when charting the development of the present Holland side, in which

Giuseppe Hiddink, the coach, has abandoned the diamond shape in which the four midfield players used to be arrayed so that, in the British manner, they can be out in what is virtually a straight line.

Few other countries cling to their sense of organisation as the Dutch do. Only in extreme adversity does the pattern begin to fragment. Zagallo's side will be their usual haphazard and effective selves. While Dunga, on Sunday, was advising that they should pin down Holland, Rivaldo was telling reporters that it would be best to play on the counter-attack. The Brazil players sometimes confuse one another, but it is usually the opposition who are confounded.



Zagallo: no compromises

France 98 and four world provoke a tirade from a conventional coach. The array of faults has a sort of grandeur, almost asserting that only excellent players can afford such errors.

Two goals were lost to needless penalties, and other idiosyncrasies were apparent in the 3-2 victory over Denmark in the quarter-final. A collective woodiness saw Brazil fail to respond to the quick free kick that saw them fall behind in the second minute. For Denmark's other goal, possession reached Brian Laudrup because Roberto Carlos had been trying to clear with an overhead kick with his weaker, right foot.

Zagallo never seems to respond with pleas for better organisation or more pragma-

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WORLD CUP 98

How wily coach outfoxed the German attack

THE object of the exercise, Miroslav Blazevic, the Croatia coach, said, was to see that the Germans ran out of petrol: just like Rommel in the desert. Asked to explain, the wily Blazevic replied that he was a student of military history. Many had thought that only Rommel, the Desert Fox — clearly one fox recognised another — was capable of winning the campaign, and yet the English beat him.

BRIAN GLANVILLE



"Why? Because Rommel had no more petrol to put in his tanks. So me, I wanted to neutralise the German petrol! The German centres, if you prefer it. If you don't get the ball, you can jump higher than anyone in the world, like Bertihoff, but you won't achieve anything!"

As one who managed the Nantes team for nearly three seasons, Blazevic — lining up in the World Cup semi-finals with Aimé Jacquet, Mario Zagallo and Guus Hiddink — knows French football well. He was hurt when the France players talked only of a coming match against the Germans, after France knocked out Italy, as if Croatia could be written off.

Blazevic, by contrast, is very polite about France. "It's really a very strong side, made up of players who have approached a very high level. The fact of playing for great clubs like Juventus, Inter, Real Madrid or Arsenal is very important."

He praises the strength of the defence and won't hear a word against their flimsy attack. "They have a very good attack. That's why this team commands respect. And I don't say that because I'm in France or because I'm a demagogue. For a long time, and you can check it, I've made France my No. 1 favourite."

Jacquet, like Hiddink, of Holland, is altogether a less idiosyncratic figure. There on the touchline with his clipboard, he exudes a Cartesian rationality. He remains composed in the face of looming adversity. When Bixente Lizarazu missed his penalty against Italy, he said, bizarrely, that he had no doubt that France would go on to win. "Fine, when it comes to penalties it's always unpredictable, but I always had great confidence. To me, the team seemed, all the time, to be right in its head."

He brushes aside the charge that France continue to miss chances. "You know, the content of our football is very good, and that's what matters. The public isn't mistaken and it knows that we have a great French team. It's what this team has in its guts that is important. Aside from that, the ball may go in, it may not. It always smiles upon the most audacious [if only it did] and the more audacious team won that match."

Jacquet was a notable club manager and an accom-

Blazevic was hurt when France talked only of the Germans

plished player. When he wants, he can be ruthlessly objective, not least in the case of David Ginola whom, like Eric Cantona, he excluded from his teams with what may have seemed excessive bile.

"We can't stop here," he said, having reached the semi-final. "The French team still has a lot to give the French public. Yes, we can go right to the end, at this level fatigue no longer exists."

All this is in sharp contrast with Daniel Passarella, the



Blazevic cut supply line

Argentina coach, who has just resigned, claiming that the battle against England was what cost his weary team the match against Holland.

Passarella has been vigorously criticised here by his eternal nemesis, Diego Maradona, who deplores the fact that Passarella for so long left Gabriel Batistuta out of his teams. Maradona also blamed Passarella for leaving out Claudio Caniggia and Redondo, the powerful Real Madrid midfielder.

Hiddink is having a far more serene time of it than in Euro 96 when the rebellious Edgar Davids was banished from the squad. Davids is back now, the hero against Argentina, while Hiddink has not been afraid to experiment with the midfield player Cocu front. Nor to choose Patrick Kluijvert, after the young centre forward had had such a dismal season with AC Milan.

Little emotion ever shows on Hiddink's exuberantly mustachioed face, even during a game. "Kluijvert," he said, "reacted very well mentally, after being suspended. I could tell in training. I've got so many stars, and when I announce the team, 11 players are disappointed. But this is the fruit of the 14 rules we gave ourselves after Euro 96." He does not specify what they are.

And then, there is the eternal Zagallo of Brazil, World Cup winner as an inexhaustible left winger in 1958 and 1962, coach, called in at the last moment, of the glorious team that won in 1970, coach of the bruising team that did not win in 1974, assistant coach of the somewhat prosaic team that won in 1994.

Now a grey-haired veteran, Zagallo has endured endless salvos this season from the Brazilian press and Pelé after lame displays in Saudi Arabia and the United States. He has had to put up with the promotion of Zico, a great player but never a coach, as his assistant; has come out on top here over his continued choice of Bebeto.

He is still "Lucky" Zagallo it seems, the nickname he was given long ago. "Sometimes when he speaks," a French critic, with all the banalities and clichés, wrote, "you have the impression his 50 years on the field have eroded his mental faculties."

Zagallo is still a winner.

Standing tall ready to save the day

TGV



Avignon

They call Edwina van der Sar "The Ice Rabbit, you know. And while such colourful nicknames are always welcome in sport, I can't help wondering whether an ice rabbit is a good thing for a goalkeeper to be. I mean, it implies coolness, but it likewise suggests long floppy ears and not much brain.

Sang froid is good; little black droppings around the goalmouth is bad. The only real clue to this "Lapin de glace" thing, however, came with a story that, at the Holland press centre in Monaco at the weekend, Van der Sar demanded a Bounty ice cream, and wouldn't take no for an answer. So perhaps ice-rabbits are a confection you can purchase in Holland, and he likes chewing the ears off and sucking the whiskers, and the joke just got lost in translation.

Goalkeepers have been big stars of this tournament, courtesy of the French television pictures. I have always trained my binoculars on goalkeepers, to see what they do between bouts of action and clearly the French media have been moved by the same spirit of existential inquiry.

Thus, when a goal is scored by France, we will see Fabien Barthez leaping for joy at the other end. Chilavert, of Paraguay, did cartwheels of celebration, as I recall. Zubizarreta, of Spain, sank to his knees and crossed himself. David Seaman clasped his enormous gloves, and Kasey Keller chewed steadily. Rarely have I seen so many shots of keepers up, down, sideways, grinning and crying. If the BBC hasn't spliced together a heart-warming video by now, then I'm not *sur le pong*.

Of the four keepers still in the tournament — Van der Sar (Holland), Barthez (France), Taffarel (Brazil), Ladic (Croatia) — it's Van der Sar who looks the best. He is also the tallest, of course, because he is in fact the tallest man in the world, at 9ft 7in. He told *L'Equipe* that he once hoped to run a shop, like



Of those that remain, Van der Sar, of Holland, has made the biggest impression

his uncle, and that it was only a series of happy accidents that prevented him from fulfilling that retailing ambition and led to him joining Ajax at 20. But surely he was too tall for shop work? I have a feeling that one of these happy accidents involved conussing himself on the door-frame each morning ("Hello

everybody, aaah!") until he gave it all up for a less hazardous life outdoors.

Not knowing much World Cup history, I have to be told about the legacy of Holland goalkeepers, which turns out to be quite alarming. "Never heard of Jongbloed?" they say, as if I've never heard of Harry Houdini.

I suppose I must seem like the American woman I overheard on Eurostar at the start of the tournament, learning for the first time that the Great War was the First World War, not the Second. "You see," her companion drawled, "until the Second World War, they didn't have a need for numbers." She



Taffarel, left, Barthez and Ladic will be the men that matter in the days ahead

frowned a bit and drank some coffee, evidently weighing the news. Finally she conceded with a shrug: "Makes sense."

So, OK, I'd never heard of Jongbloed; I never watched through knotted fingers as he fumbled the ball and jeopardised the chances of his team. But it's easy to imagine him. I find, dodgy keepers tend to do much the same things — running out at the wrong moment, twitching, goal-kicking the ball straight to the opposition, or indeed straight out of the park.

Secretly, I get the ab-dabs watching the bald and emotional Barthez because he catches but doesn't hold, which seems like a basic problem for a gardien. It's fine in penalty shoot-outs, when players can't run up for a second go, but heart-stopping during the run of play. "He's got it!" we yell. "No, he's dropped it! No, it's all right, he's got it again!"

Of the others, all I know about Taffarel is that he prays a lot, and once played for a team of priests as a multiple goalscorer. He has a daughter named Catherine, after Catherine Deneuve, and is used to playing for a team that wins everything.

Of Ladic, having watched Croatia play only against Jamaica, I have no impression at all, except that at 35 he is unacceptably old. I wonder if it was partly for his sake that Croatia have finally abandoned their messy red-and-white check shirts, on which the numbers were indecipherable? Poor old geezer, at 35 the eyesight's bound to be a bit dicky.

So there we have it. Four goalkeepers left. Mister Bald, Mister Dewout, Mister Bunny, and Mister Crumbly. If it comes down to penalty shoot-outs, all could emerge as heroes. But, whatever happens, we will surely see a lot of them on the box in the next few days. Up, down, diving, siddding, catching, punching, somersaulting and weeping.

One of the sighs I'll never forget from this World Cup was Mondragon, the Colombia keeper, crying bitter tears after the match with England. He sat down and wouldn't get up; he'd tried so hard and his team were rubbish.

On the other hand, how dreadful to remember for ever Seaman's shiny nasal-stimie ensemble for the Argentina match. Always have I held Seaman in high esteem. I considered him infallible. But to show such lack of judgment at such an hour? Forget the penalty he occasioned and think of those shorts. Oh, what a falling-off was there!

LYNNE TRUSS

Referees wronged over tales of deception

David Elleray puts forward a case of strange morality as World Cup commentaries prosper while officials are castigated

ONE of the abiding, negative memories from this World Cup will be the cheating by players in their attempts to con referees into giving free kicks or penalties and to get opponents punished more severely than is merited.

In the quarter-final between Holland and Argentina, in which two players were sent off, much was made of the fact that Arnau Brizio Carter, of Mexico, had become the strictest referee in the history of the World Cup finals, his record of dismissing seven players in six matches having overtaken that of Joel Quiniou, of France, who dismissed five in eight.

The two red cards that Brizio Carter issued on Saturday were correct, but he needed all his experience not to be influenced by the reactions of the players. The first dismissal, of Numan, the Holland defender, for his second yellow card, was for a bad foul on Simone, the Argentine midfielder player, who rolled over six or seven times in a clear attempt to make the offence appear worse than it was. That brought echoes of his excessive reaction when Beckham

was sent off in the second-round match between England and Argentina.

Brizio Carter's second dismissal of Ortega, another Argentine midfielder player, is interesting. If you look at the video carefully, as Ortega runs into the penalty area, he begins to throw himself to get a penalty and only makes contact as he is falling. You see Brizio Carter marching across, ready to caution Ortega for the dive. As Ortega gets up, and before Brizio Carter can arrive on the scene, he headbutts Van der Sar, the Holland goalkeeper. Here again, Van der Sar goes down as if poleaxed when the contact was minimal.

There has been a lot of nonsense spoken about diving and cheating. People rightfully condemn it but say it is the fault of the referee for being conned. While I accept that referees can be criticised for being conned, the prime offence is committed by the player doing the conning. Referees are not allowed to

make human errors whereas, while we do not like players cheating, we do not blame them for trying. A strange morality is developing.

The pressure is building on the four teams left, and on the referees. The ten retained from the initial group of 24 all knew they would have a chance of refereeing the final, though that is not now the case for Ali Mohamed Buisaim, from the United Arab Emirates, and Jose-



Brizio Carter: strictest

Manuel Garcia Aranda, of Spain, who will take charge of the semi-finals.

Buisaim has been appointed for the Brazil-Holland game this evening. He is highly regarded and refereed the third-place play-off in 1994. In this tournament, he took charge of Scotland-Morocco, in which he rightly sent off Burley, and the France-Paraguay match, in which he booked five players.

Garcia Aranda officiates the France-Croatia semi-final tomorrow. He refereed the opening game, between Brazil and Scotland, impressively but was perhaps less so in the Holland-Yugoslavia second-round tie, in which many felt that Bergkamp, the Holland striker, should have been sent off for stamping on Mijatovic.

For the final, it is difficult to know whether the referee will come from one of the four not used in the quarter-finals and semis. If it does, Urs Meier, from Switzerland, must be a favourite. The politics sur-

rounding the World Cup final referee are huge and, in 1974, Jack Taylor refereed the final only after Bobby Davidson, of Scotland, who had been appointed, was taken off it a few hours later.

Davidson had been a linesman in one of the semi-finals and had failed to spot a violent off-the-ball incident. Some members of the referees' committee took issue with him and he was removed. Perhaps Hugh Dallas, another Scot, will be appointed and redress a perceived injustice.

Both semi-final referees will need to be at their very best and let us hope that the matches are decided by positive factors and that we don't have a great debate as to whether cheating by a player has determined the outcome of either game. If it is, let us ensure that the larger proportion of the blame is attached to the player who cheats, rather than the referee who has been deceived.

Referee, by David Elleray, is published by Bloomsbury (£16.99) in August. To reserve your copy call Exel on Cash Sales on 01933 672400.

Michels in 'stable' condition

RINUS MICHEL, the coach who guided Holland to the 1974 World Cup final, was "stable" in hospital yesterday after a heart attack. He was taken ill on Sunday after Holland's 2-1 quarter-final victory against Argentina in Marseilles the previous day.

Michels, 70, introduced Holland's Total Football philosophy in the Seventies and also laid the foundations of Ajax's emergence as one of Europe's leading clubs.

Brian Laudrup, the Danish striker, has announced his retirement from international football. Laudrup, 29, who will play for Chelsea next season, made 82 appearances for Denmark and was expected to play in his country's 2000 European championship qualifying campaign.

Croatian television liked the BBC's World Cup studio, perched on the roof of the Automobile Club of France in central Paris, and will borrow it today in their build-up to the semi-final between France and Croatia tomorrow. "We were more than happy to extend the hand of international friendship," a BBC spokesman said.

Ariel Ortega, the Argentine midfielder player, will miss the first three matches of the 1999 Copa America tournament because of suspension. He was sent off during the 2-1 defeat against Holland in the World Cup quarter-finals.

ITV has edged ahead in the World Cup television ratings war and is top of the pops, too. The theme tune for its programme has gone straight into the charts at No. 12. The BBC's more classical offering is up to No. 20 from No. 26.

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WORLD CUP 98

Dauids catches attention of the maestro

Rob Hughes on why Pelé fears the threat the Dutchman poses to his beloved Brazil

Pelé who graced four World Cups and helped to win three of them, knows that he is in for a poignant time in Marseilles tonight...

although the player made no public apology, I believe this was bravery to the point of putting his own career on the line...

"It's a matter of quality," Hiddink insisted. "Dauids has, and that's why he's back."

Pelé, who became Brazil's minister for sport, a role he has just vacated after four years, now enjoys the task of television commentary...



'Don't ask me where my heart is in Marseilles, ask my brain'

Yet it is curious that Pelé, who still has much of the player inside him, even at the age of 57, wore the ultimate fame on and off the field with humility as well as the desire of the showman...

Nantes. Only Chile, and maybe only for 20 minutes, really tried to outplay and outpace Brazil.

From this you can see that Pelé remains quintessentially a romantic. Denilson has had the Brazilian crowd calling for him during every game...

However, Pelé would play them all, anyone who might score and might strike fear in the opposition. He was thrilled by the speed and the wonder of Owen's goal against Argentina...



Dauids's successful return has guided Holland to a semi-final with Brazil

World Cup. If I had to advise Michael, I would say try to be cool with all the provocation. They [defenders] will want to kick you, to tease you...

France are the best-organised attacking teams in the tournament; that France, with their technique, against Holland, who have discovered harmony...

Ferguson left facing long haul into Europe

By DAVID MADDOCK

ALEX FERGUSON was left reaching for his atlas last night after a European Cup Champions' League preliminary round draw directed his Manchester United side to the far flung outreaches of the European arena...

draws at this stage of the competition," Ferguson said. The United manager is right, of course, as Celtic found to their cost in the draw for the same competition...

Wherever we go, it certainly won't be an easy trip," Ferguson said. "Loz has no airport, and that means a three-and-a-half hour coach journey across difficult terrain, just to reach the ground...

Manchester United will sell centre half Gary Pallister to Middlesbrough this week in a deal thought to be set around the £2 million mark...



« On the bench »

Answers from page 43
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(b) In the religious system of the Ashanti peoples of Ghana, a general name for any of the many gods inferior to the Supreme Being...

TELEVISION CHOICE
New Labour, old prejudice

Home Ground: New Labour, New Woman
BBC2, 7.30pm
David Spry's election last year to Bristol City Council would have gone unnoticed beyond his immediate circle had he not, within months, declared that his time as a man was over...



The Lewsey family proudly show off their renovated barn (BBC2, 9.00pm)

Home Front: The Barn Saga
BBC2, 9.00pm
Those who watched the recent series of Home Front will remember the Lewseys, an unconventional family from Norfolk who gave up their jobs and threw their energies into turning a derelict 18th-century barn into a dream home...

Men also have a lower threshold of boredom, which makes them dislike the repetitiveness of housework. The factor here is serotonin levels. If that is correct, and the programme admits that his evidence is based on small samples...

Why Men Don't Iron
Channel 4, 9.00pm
The series on the differences between the sexes concludes where it started, by insisting that the causes are as much biological as social...

Survival Special: Night Raider
ITV, 10.40pm (Ulster 11.00pm)
Antonio, a goat shepherd, has lived in the mountain ranges and oak forests of central Spain for years and never seen a goat...

RADIO CHOICE

Beveridge, Bevyn and the Bombs
Radio 4, 9.00pm
The BBC is running a number of programmes on the 50th anniversary of the NHS, but hopefully we won't get sick of them...

Dinosaur Deadline
Radio 4, 11.00am
I am completely mystified by the attractions of digging up old bones and fossils, but whenever I mention this blind spot the considerable audience for anything to do with ancient times makes itself known...

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whitey... includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radcliffe 4.00 Dave Pearce...

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 World Cup Roundup 7.30 Heritage 8.00 News 8.15 Of The Shelf 8.30 Welcome to my World 8.45 The Lab 9.00 News...

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Carl Davis Classics...

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Breakfast with Bailey, Nick Bailey presents music for the morning 8.00 Henry Kelly... includes the Record of the Week and the High Fiver 12.00 Lunchtime Request...

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 8.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm Russco and Co... including racing from Newmarket 4.00 Newsround with Justin Warburton...

RADIO 3

5.00 In Time, Michael Chance joins Sean Rafferty in the run-up to a busy summer season which includes performances at the Cheltenham Festival, the City of London Festival and the BBC Proms...

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Chris Evans 10.00 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Robin Banks 7.30 Paul Coyte 10.00 Mark Forster 2.00am Peter Dinklage 5.00 Jerry Clark

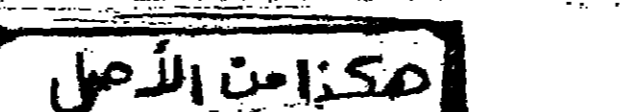
RADIO 4

5.00 PM, with Clare English and Chris Lowe 5.54 (LW) Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The Mark Steel Revolution... Mark Steel presents the second of six lectures on the theme of revolution...

TALK RADIO

6.30am Clare Carroll and Bill Overton 9.00 Peter Dinkley 12.00 Louise Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Ian Collins 7.00 World Cup Sportszone 8.00 Live commentary of the World Cup semi-final 10.00 James White 1.00am The Creators of the Night 5.00 Bill Overton

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Lakesiders the soap for the shopaholic

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cells than roofing felt would now spend a night in Liverpool's Adelphi Hotel after having seen the gloomy service in Hotel?

nance Sump just to locate your car in the car park, which is roughly the size of Brazil.

REVIEW



Joe Joseph

We overheard the boss of the Lakeside complex explaining to one stopover that perhaps he was pitching his stock too down-market.

shoes, while Nathaniel Parker, Jonathan Firth (yup, his brother) and Nigel Terry have slipped convincingly into the roles of her three suitors.

Hot Property last night (Channel 5) chose to go native when he went househunting with Sue and Bernard. Sue and Bernard are naturists.

- 6.00am Business Breakfast (1485587) 7.00am BBC Breakfast News (185858) 9.00am All Over the Shop (13262026) 9.30am Killy (13514804)

- 6.10am In the Market Place (7100262) 6.35 Picasso's Guernica (5635465) 7.00 Teletubbies (1056562) 7.25 Dink, the Little Dinosaur (1148597)

- 6.00am GMTV (8307755) 9.25 This Morning (13757002) 9.30 Vanessa (1715200)

- As ITV West except: 1.00pm A Country Practice (27723) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (5655494)

- 6.00am Sesame Street (26194) 7.00am The Breakfast (77728) 9.00am The Bad Lord Byron (1948, b/w) A life of Byron, with Dennis Price, Joan Greenwood and Mel Zetterling.

- 6.00am 5 News and Sport (3842755) 7.00am World (11532842) 7.30am Milkshake! (224804) 7.55am Wind in the Willows (1442574)

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7.30 Only Fools and Horses The Trotters are convinced they're on to a winner by signing up at a computer dating agency.

8.50 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates Patricia Routledge stars as the part-time Post Office worker with a sideline in sleuthing.

12.30am Learning Zone: OU: The Film - Joyride (20205) 1.00 Living with Technology (59553) 2.00 Black Women (50243) 4.00 World Cup Fun (78885)

As ITV West except: 12.15pm Westcountry News (2084194) 12.27-12.30 Illuminations (4452858) 1.00 Emmerdale (27723)

6.00 Home Improvement (71281) 7.00 Channel 4 News (1674842) 7.50 Talent School Human pathology (867184)

6.00 Absolutely Animals (3/8) Wendy Turner concludes her investigation into the sale of illegal tiger products.

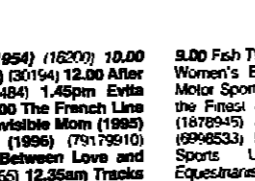
8.30 Brookside Jacquie begins to worry about the death in her life (1/378)



Clariass and Jennifer cook at the Brazilian Embassy (8pm)



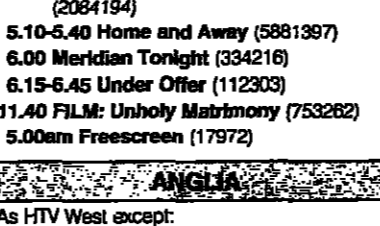
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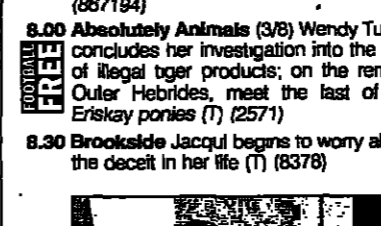
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Courageous batting earns unlikely Old Trafford draw and keeps series alive

England complete great escape

BY ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of five): England drew with South Africa

THE persistent clamour for heroes to revive English cricket was answered...

Only cricket, and Test cricket at that, has the capacity to produce high drama...

Robert Croft, however, was working to a different agenda. His memory may have been full of previous surrenders...

Croft survived 49 overs, spanning 190 minutes, and did so with increasing assurance...

The rest was theatre, almost unwatchably taut. Donald against Angus Fraser is hard-



Stewart, left, and Croft, two of England's heroes, link hands after an enthralling climax to the third Test at Old Trafford yesterday. Photograph: Adrian Murrell / Allsport

ly a fair contest and the South African hurled everything at this traditional No.11. He came close, not least with a beseeching leg-before appeal...

loudly than those who had booed England 48 hours earlier. Caution must accompany the acclaim. It was a wonderful piece of escapism and welcome evidence of a mental strength that has too often been lacking...

and they nearly won by an innings despite being severely handicapped. Donald bowled through the pain of a chronically sore heel. Klusener could not bowl owing to a foot injury and Pollock did not even play. To come so close, under such circumstances, spoke highly of their squad and their spirit.

Stewart batted for seven hours, Atherton for more than six. Both were courageous, disciplined innings, even if the similarity and compliance of their dismissals is held against them. Both were over pulling, with two men specifically set for the stroke.

hours at the crease. Stewart, however, confirmed to bat commandingly, almost arrogantly, and when he reached 150 he stared skywards for the inspiration to go on.

the face of the bat, it could have been over before tea. Ramprakash played an innings of self-denial and scored only 18 between lunch and tea. It was praiseworthy in its defiance but his dismissal, in Donald's first over after tea, made it counterproductive.

Stewart hails fighting spirit

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

AFTER a climax to the third Test that stretched nerve and snow almost to breaking point, Alec Stewart was a relieved England captain. He bounded on to the outfield to embrace Robert Croft, and became quite animated afterwards, as he tried to rationalise a performance over five days that revealed his team, alternately, at their slackest and most committed.

"The boys showed a lot of character over these five days," he said. "Mark Ramprakash played very well and Robert Croft was magnificent. His innings showed what a strong character he is. Then Gough came in with a just-about broken finger to face the fastest bowler in the world and for the last few minutes it was very tense."

worked extremely hard on his batting and Graham Gooch must take a lot of credit for helping him. He knew he had a fault when he played against Australia last year and I'm not saying he has mastered it, but it will have given him a lot of confidence to come out on top today."

"Overall, he felt that England could carry the lessons from this match into the fourth Test, at Trent Bridge, and the fifth, at Headingley. "We can take a lot of pride from this. We are not stupid enough to believe we have got over all the problems but I'm sure this performance will have given the public a lift."

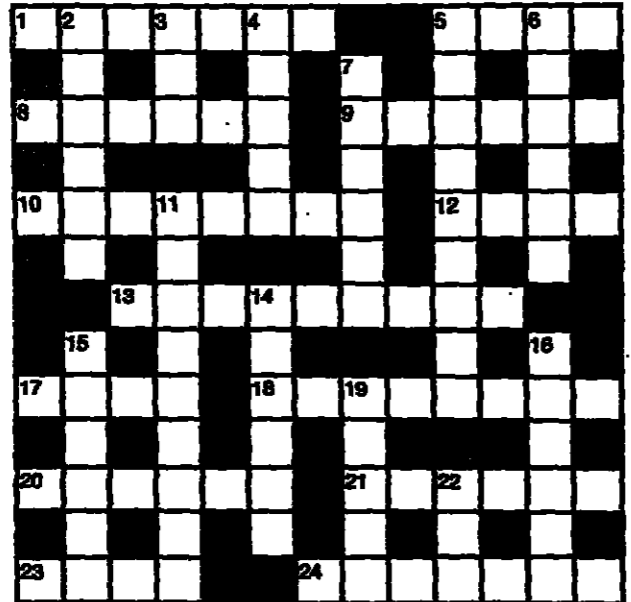
He said 'remember those lions on your chest and who you represent. If you are going to go down, go down fighting'. Let's be grateful for what we have done here. It's a game of skill but it's also a game of spirit. This was a team effort. We rely on batsmen to hold catches for us when we bowl, so I hope we have paid them back a bit today."

"In the end it was a good game. The first two days were thin and England's first innings' submission was disgraceful. But Stewart's fine innings of 164, and the superlative bowling of Donald, made the last day and a half something to savour. Stewart said that he would always back his men. However, the selectors, in the cold light of day, will sack his men, a couple of them."

SCOREBOARD FROM OLD TRAFFORD

Table with columns for South Africa won toss, South Africa First Innings, England First Innings, South Africa Second Innings, England Second Innings, and Bowling details for both teams.

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Barnsley lose Wilson to rivals

BY DAVID MADDOCK

DANNY WILSON cleared his desk at Barnsley yesterday, hopped into his car and made the 15-minute journey to Hillsborough, where he was installed as the new manager of Sheffield Wednesday. It is what passes for a coup in the people's republic of South Yorkshire.

Barnsley, reluctantly, gave permission for their neighbours to speak to Wilson on Saturday. By the Sunday morning, the former Northern Ireland international had made his decision. "To come to Sheffield Wednesday was very easy - the difficulty was in leaving Barnsley," he said.

John Dennis, the Barnsley chairman, installed John Hendrie as the new player manager at Oakwell but made clear that the attentions of the bigger club were unwanted. Dennis said: "Wednesday contacted me in the middle of last week and I told them to clear off, but I was honour-bound to inform Danny and he wanted to speak to them."

Wilson left Wednesday four years ago. His return, he said, was something of a dream. Walter Smith, Gerard Houllier and Martin O'Neill are all thought to have turned down the job. "I don't care if I was the fifth person to have been offered the job or the 105th," Wilson said.

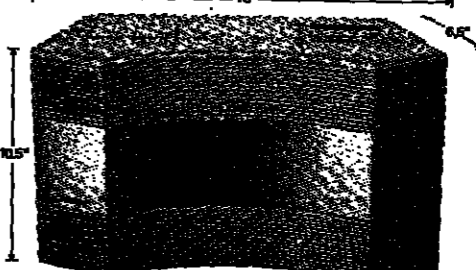
He steered Barnsley to the top division last year for the first time in their 110-year history but they did not survive. Hendrie was little more than a bit-player but he believes he is up to the challenge of management. "It is a big job and I am happy to take it. I think we can get back into the Premiership," he said.



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